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From right to left, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Japanese Foreign Minister Takeaki Matsumoto, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, and Japan's Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa, hold a news conference following the "2 plus 2" talks at the State Department in Washington, Tuesday, June 21, 2011

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. and Japan say they will press ahead with plans to relocate a U.S. Marine air station on Okinawa but have pushed back the deadline amid opposition to the plans in both countries

The announcement was made after high-level security talks Tuesday in which the two governments also agreed to share missile defense technology with allies—an exception to Japan's strict policy of barring exports of weaponry.

The delay in the relocation of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma on the southern island of Okinawa had been

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DPS team searches Kalabera Cave

» Bird Island cliff line, Education Island also searched

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The Department of Public Safety's team yesterday searched the Kalabera Cave and the Bird Island cliff line in Marpi, but still failed to find any trace of missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk.

Members of the DPS Fire Division's Search and Rescue Unit rappelled down to the deep Kalabera Cave and combed its niches but found no trace of the

Press secretary Angel Demapan told Saipan Tribune that DPS team also scoured the Bird Island cliff line as well as the Kagman watershed known as Education Island.

> 'Unfortunately, there are no See DPS on Page 4

U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee with jurisdiction over the CNMI and other insular areas ■ will hold a July 14 hearing on both the implementation of a law placing CNMI immigration under federal control and a bill giving



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a "CNMI-only resident status" for four specific groups of people in the Commonwealth, including foreign parents of U.S. citizens.

Rep. John Fleming (R-LA), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, sent out invitations to select individuals to hear their views on the implementation of U.S. Public Law 110-229 and the need for H.R. 1466.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, ranking member of the sub-

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Elenzano marks historic NFL win for the CNMI



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

John Edward Elenzano shows off the trophy he won as the CNMI's first champion in the NFL nationwide competitions, soon after arriving at Saipan International Airport Wednesday night.

» Named 2011 NFL national champion for storytelling

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com

John Edward Elenzano made history for the Commonwealth after being named champion in storytelling during the National Forensic League competitions held in Dallas, Texas last weekend.

Elenzano was part of the Team CNMI that competed with the best students in the nation in NFL events that saw the participation of over 4.000 talented students across the country.

The 18-year-old winner is the second child of Edong and Fe Elenzano and a consistent del-

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By CLARISSA V. DAVID REPORTER

Local farmers and ranchers will soon be able to sell their agricultural products to the neighboring island of Guam with the advent of cargo planes that aim to undercut high shipping costs.

Businessman Tony Pellegrino announced yesterday his plan to set up Cargo Air Bridge, a company that will initially have two cargo planes that will transport local produce between the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

Pellegrino said CAB, which will serve as a figurative bridge between the islands, will be made possible with the acquisition of Arctic Circle Air, an American airline based in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The acquisition comes with one 1,000-lb small aircraft, another 5,500-lb aircraft, all manuals and licenses.

As these aircrafts are Short Sherpa planes, Pellegrino said they're "very sturdy."

Pellegrino said he and business partner Paul Zak are also proud to have on board Arctic Circle Air Capt. Jim Parrish, who has over 30 years of experience in the airline industry and will serve as the company's vice president.

The \$1.7 million price tag for the acquisition includes the purchase of Arctic Circle Air and their operating capital for about six months to a year.

According to Pellegrino, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are capable of growing agricultural produce that can supply at least a small share of the Guam market, which he said imports millions of dollars worth of fruits, vegetables, and flowers from Korea and the U.S. mainland.

"Seeing that, we found that there is a dire need to connect or build a figurative bridge between the islands so we can fly things in and out quickly," he told reporters in an interview at the Northern Marianas Trades Institute

Primarily, CAB will service the four islands twice a week—Mondays and Thursdays. As the volume of produce needs increases, Pellegrino said they will have to add more CAB flights.

Zak said the bulk of service of both Cape Air and Freedom Air is passengers, which prevents local farmers and ranchers from penetrating the Guam market in terms of selling their produce, which are of acceptable quality and have competitive prices.

"We virtually sell nothing to Guam," said Zak.

Pellegrino disclosed that they will be sending Parrish to Alaska on July 6 to sign the memorandum of agreement and make payments.

He said they expect the air-

crafts to arrive on Saipan by September, have a mechanic work on it, and make its inaugural flight in October.

Zak said that Guam will serve as "a stepping stone" in marketing local produce. "If we could get it from here to Guam, we could go to many other places," he said.

Future plans include servicing the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the rest of Micronesia.

Slaughterhouse

According to Pellegrino, CAB will correspond with his slaughterhouse project in Lower Base, which is scheduled to open by September.

Pellegrino admitted that it was his fault why the slaughterhouse project was "temporarily suspended."

"I was too ambitious. Too big of a plan initially. The reality is to start small and grow," he said, adding that the project already has obtained permits from various government agencies, including Zoning Office, Public Works, the Division of Environmental Quality, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Pellegrino said the slaughterhouse project will start initially with about 20 to 30 pigs a month, which will be supplied to the four markets.

Zak added that CAB will help hog raisers have cheaper feeds, which are needed in the slaughterhouse project.

"It all comes down to one keystone, which is the 'bridge," said Zak.

Research, risks

Pellegrino disclosed that Zak had done the research work for the cargo plane venture by going to and from Guam with produce in tow in the last 18 months.

"The problem is how to get it sustainable, how to keep it going all the time. The only sense is to have a cargo plane like this," he said.

Like any new business, Pellegrino admits that there are risks involved in this project but noted that these are "calculated risks" as they have eliminated as many bad risks as possible.

"It's a risk, but I think I'd rather have [tried and failed] than to wish I had tried and not even done anything. I'm very optimistic, and I believe we have a lot of potential," he said.

Pellegrino said they are inviting other community members to invest in CAB, which they aim to become a "community project."

"I welcome any potential investors," he said, adding that they also have a three-year projection plan to present to those who are interested in joining the venture. "We hope that this will jumpstart the economy."

Rota pushes east harbor project over CPA's objection

Despite objections from the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Rota will push through with the municipality's east harbor project as a means to jumpstart its economy.

Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola confirmed this with the Saipan Tribune yesterday, saying the municipality wants to build the port to attract more vessels and enhance port activities on the island.

Yesterday, CNMI Procurement & Supply director Herman S. Sablan issued a request for proposals for the feasibility study and conceptual design for the development of the Rota east harbor. It has a closing date of July 6, 2011.

The local delegation had appropriated last year \$25 million from the government's 702 monies (capital improvement project funds) to build the Rota

Judiciary seeks to fill 7 vacancies

The CNMI Judiciary is hiring people to fill seven vacant positions that, if left unfilled, "will leave the courts paralyzed," according to Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan and presiding judge Robert C. Naraja.

The vacancies are two law clerks for the Supreme Court, one law clerk for the Superior Court, one deputy clerk for the Superior Court, a secretary for Naraja, one systems administrator, and one computer specialist.

The three law clerk positions will be vacant on June 30, 2011, Aug. 12, 2011, and Sept. 6, 2011. The systems administrator and computer specialist posts will be vacant on Aug. 10, 2011. The date of vacancy for the deputy clerk and secretary positions was listed as "immediately."

Demapan and Naraja recently notified the CNMI Legislature about the Judiciary's need to fill the seven positions.

Demapan and Naraja said budgetary resources are available for the personnel costs associated with these vacancies, and that the filling of the vacancies fall within the 74 positions allowed by Public Law 17-21 for the Judiciary.

"The filling of these positions is vitally important to the efficient delivery of essential court services and ultimately the welfare of the CNMI public. These positions are critical to the courtroom operations of the Judiciary," said Demapan and Naraja in the notice.

The two magistrates said that, while the Judiciary has taken measures to implement austerity hours and freeze hiring due to severe budget constrains and government-wide deficit forecasts, these imminent vacancies, if left unfilled, will leave the courts paralyzed. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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east harbor. The amount will be in order to provide a long-term replenished using the port's potential revenue.

Rota currently has only one port: the Rota west harbor.

"The island of Rota has a long history of an unsafe harbor entrance and berthing area that has hampered shipping and economic development. The Rota legislative delegation seeks to explore the feasibility of the development of the east harbor

solution to these issues," states the request for proposal issued yesterday.

The required feasibility study will cover harbor planning, analysis and design, harbor construction permitting, financial and economic analysis, and cost estimates.

CPA had earlier described as "unwise and impractical" the idea of spending \$25 million to build the east harbor. Ports authority officials had recommended that the money would better be spent in rehabilitating the breakwater at the west harbor as it would only cost \$16 million to do so.

Saipan Tribune learned that the site for the planned east harbor is not CPA property but that of the Department of Public Lands and would require permits from local and federal agencies.

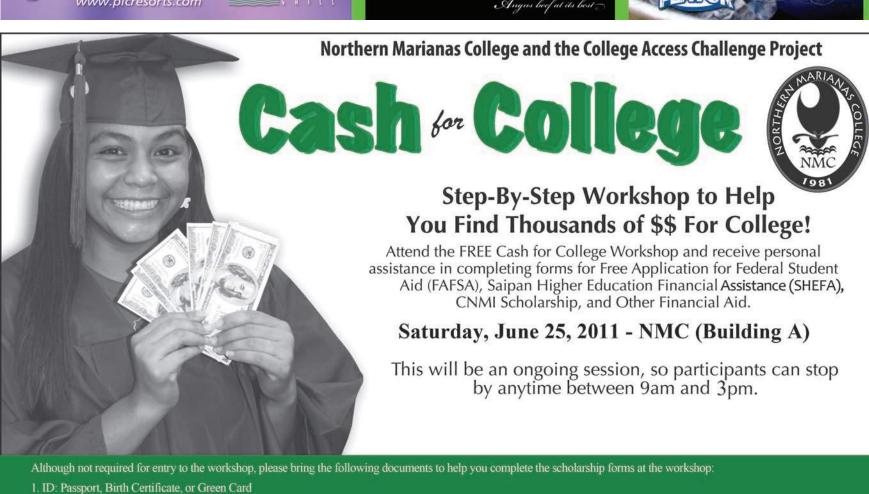
"But compared to the west harbor area, the east side has a calm bay, which is advisable to accommodate small and big sea vessels compared to the strong currents experienced in the west side...but we will keep the west harbor open for smaller vessels," said Mayor Mendiola yesterday.

He said boats have a hard time going into the west harbor due to the port's "wave activities."

The mayor is counting on the benefits that Rota could gain from the ongoing military buildup in Guam.







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3. Tax forms: Your OR your parents' signed 2010 1040 form (2010 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes)

5. Voter Certification (to show you voted in the last election - Contact CNMI Election Commission for more information) - SHEFA Requirement

BizGrowth Challenge highlights collaboration for growth

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

Pushing for more involvement in the agriculture industry was among the major ideas that came out of the first day of the BizGrowth Challenge Launch Symposium at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center yesterday.

"The people commented that more community members, particularly the youth, should be engaged in farming," said long-time business owner, consultant, and instructor Rik Villegas, who spearheads the BizGrowth Challenge campaign.

Villegas said the attendees agreed that the community should look at agriculture as a "serious career" and proposed establishing a farmers' cooperative to get local farmers more organized and coordinated.

He said the general interest in farming is "moving up to the next level."

"More people are looking at this as a business venture. Hopefully, it's the beginning of mindset change,

Yesterday's symposium, which was attended by some 25 individuals, was free of charge and featured two breakout sessions, which focused on agriculture and the other in general business.

Villegas conducted the business workshop while aquaculture consultant Michael Ogo, Dr. Marisol Quintanilla, and Dr. Allan Sabladica of the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension & Education Service facilitated the agriculture workshop.

Villegas remains hopeful that today's symposium will attract more participants to get the BizGrowth Challenge

"I hope there would be 200 business persons to participate in this. But if we could just get 50 who will be seriously involved, that would be great," he said.

Villegas assured that, as long as there are participants, he will continue with the BizGrowth Challenge.

BizGrowth Challenge aims to improve the local economy and quality of life in the CNMI by working with organizations and experts to provide businesses with affordable resources to effectively achieve sustainable growth. The second day will give an overview of the BizGrowth Challenge and help improve existing businesses through different personalized hands-on activities and training sessions.

Some of the attendees interviewed by Saipan Tribune said the workshop was beneficial particularly for the business community.

Lawyer Joseph Camacho said the workshop sends a message to those who want to make their businesses improve.

"It's best for them to educate themselves, get to know other people in the business community, and move in that direction... People should think ahead and get involved in opening their own business," he said.

Tony Mareham, who owns a small translation and documents handling business for five years now, said the workshop is a great motivation for him.

"This workshop opened up and expanded my mind that there are people there doing related business. We can join and market it together," he said.

Commerce staffer Maggie Camacho said she attended the symposium to give out information from the standpoint of the department.

"I think it's one way of getting people more informed for a better planning to be successful in their business endeavors... To become successful, you have to improve yourself. One way to do that and to know how to be successful is to attend workshops like this," she said.

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widely anticipated. Japan's government has failed to win the assent needed from residents there, although the plans aim to reduce the U.S. military footprint on the island that hosts more than half of the 47,000 American troops in Japan.

A joint statement said the relocation would be completed at the "earliest possible date" after 2014, the original deadline.

Responsible timeline

A statement from Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo vesterday commends the adoption of what she describes as a more responsible timeline that will help local businesses better to prepare and minimize the burden on local infrastructure.

"It is important to highlight that both [Japan and U.S.] governments remain firmly committed to the Guam International Agreement and the process for U.S. realigning forces in the Pacific. Undoubtedly there are difficult issues that remain to be resolved, but abandoning the current plans and starting from scratch would only delay a process that has taken over 15 years. I commend the group for coming to the same conclusion that many in Congress and Guam came to many years ago with regards to the unrealistic 2014 timeline completion date. I think the group has outlined a more responsible timeframe for achieving tangible progress for a Futenma Replacement Facility and movement of Marines to Guam. This more responsible timeline will help our local businesses better prepare to support the military buildup as well as minimize burdens to our local infrastructure."

Unrealistic

Guam Sen. Rory J. Respicio, majority leader and chairman of the Committee of Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, echoed similar sentiments.

"As we in the Guam Legislature expected, and as we stated in Resolution 30-275 passed by the 30th Legislature on Feb. 11, 2010, the 2014 target date for the buildup has never been realistic, and in fact, would have been impossible to meet. The move was further complicated by the lack of funding for this massive military move from Okinawa to Guam.

"Unfortunately, certain sectors in our community, including the Joint Guam Program Office, refused to face this reality, and over-promoted the buildup, causing many businesses to over-speculate. I am confident that this buildup will take place and in a manner that is more realistic given the financial situation of both the United States and Japan. Congress should continue to demand that the Department of Defense provide reasonable and measurable goals, so that the government of Guam can adequately prepare.

"The U.S.-Japan talks have added a more sensible and realistic perspective to what is possible, given Japan's disaster recovery and fiscal constraints on

the U.S. Treasury. Planned, measured, logical and organized growth is what has always been needed. This buildup needs more than just money to happen, it requires careful, sensible, structured growth, and all factors must be considered. This all must be provided for in a master plan, which DoD has yet to complete and submit to Congress.3

Security concerns

The talks involving U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, and Japanese Foreign Minister Takeaki Matsumoto and Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa, underscored an alliance that they declared is "indispensable to the peace, stability, and economic prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region."

They touched on a wide range of global and regional security concerns, including North Korea's nuclear program and Afghanistan, but also highlighted an issue that complicated their relationship.

Kitazawa described opinions on Okinawa over the air station relocation as "very harsh." He told a news conference that Japan would make its best efforts to gain the understanding of Okinawa's governor and residents — many of whom resent the presence of U.S. forces because of pollution, noise and crime associated with military bases.

Gates urged Japan to move quickly.

Referring to the demands of an influential group of U.S. senators who have moved to freeze U.S. funding for the relocation, Gates said that reflected

"impatience with the lack of progress." He said he had emphasized to Japan the importance of concrete progress over the next year.

Predictable

One of the senators, Democrat Jim Webb, said in a statement that Tuesday's decisions were predictable. He said the extensive delay in the relocation underscored the importance of reorganizing U.S. military basing "in a more realistic manner for the good of our alliance and for our strategic posture in East Asia."

The U.S. and Japan confirmed plans, spelled out in a 2006 agreement, for Marine air operations to be shifted to a less crowded part of Okinawa, where a new airfield would be built. Some 8,000 Marines would also be shifted to the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam. They also confirmed their commitment to fund it. Japan is to foot much of the multibillion dollar bill.

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new developments arising from today's operations," Demapan said.

He said the search effort, called "Operation Hope," remains a joint effort by the CNMI and FBI.

As to what prompted the searches at Kalabera Cave and the Bird Island cliff line, Steve L. Moore, FBI Guam and CNMI resident chief, told Saipan Tribune that the searches are based on information they receive.

"This is in line with our need to focus investigative activities with the re-

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sources at our disposal," Moore said.

The FBI and DPS, he said, will continue to pursue any credible leads that come to them and encouraged anyone with information to report it.

Yesterday marked the fourth week since the May 25 disappearance of 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina in As Teo.

Some of the 15 FBI agents and support staff from Honolulu began leaving the island yesterday, while others are preparing to go back to their respective assignments in Hawaii.

The cash reward fund for any information on the whereabouts of the Luhk sisters has now reached \$50,000.

egate to the national contest. According to his mother, this year marked her son's fifth and last year in the competi-

John Edward Elenzano said it was a great feeling to win the award for the first time for the CNMI team. He was awarded the championship trophy and \$500 scholarship to any college. His winning piece was titled "The Girl Who Became a Mean Bear."

He bested over a hundred of the country's best storytellers to win the championship trophy, making him part of the prestigious "Circle of Champions."

The CNMI has been sending delegations to the national event for many years now and has had several notable achievements, placing in the Top 10 and Top 20. In 2010, the prestigious Show Me Excellence Award went to Ryan Bradley Ortizo. Elenzano's win, however, is the first time the CNMI got the championship award for a specific category.

His victory was relayed to his family by his coach, who kept the family abreast of what was happening during the competition rounds.

"His coach called us when he was announced part of the final 6 contenders for storytelling. I was even surprised at first because his coach was crying when she talked to us...and from her we found out, Edward made it to the

finals. For the family, that alone was truly a big win. So when we received the next call after the final round, we were very happy and proud...because he emerged champion," said Fe Elenzano yesterday.

John Edward Elenzano's achievement was not really a big surprise for the proud mother because she knew of her son's dedication and commitment. "I have witnessed all his hard work and sacrifices...he deserves it."

Elenzano, along with the other delegates, arrived late Wednesday night on Saipan. They were welcomed by families and friends with banners and leis.

Best Father's Day gift

Just days before his trip to the competition, Elenzano wanted to give his dad a special gift for Father's Day before

"My son asked me what is the best gift he can give to his dad on Father's Day....and I told him 'a medal' and 'just be home safe' are the best gifts... and he did it! So we're very happy," Fe Elenzano said.

The father, Edong Elenzano, said that his son's gift this year is among the best he has ever received from John Edward. "We will continue to support him."

John Edward Elenzano recently graduated from Mount Carmel High School and plans to join the U.S. Air Force. He began going to the U.S. mainland to compete in national events since he was in seventh grade.

HEARINGS

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committee, has been working with Fleming for some time now to set an oversight hearing on the implementation of P.L. 110-229, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act.

While there have been talks about hearings in recent weeks, this is the first time that a specific date has been set, as stated in Fleming's invitation.

Press secretary Angel Demapan confirmed yesterday that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial plans to attend the hearing to testify on behalf of the CNMI govern-

"The hearing will address both the implementation of P.L. 110-229 and H.R. 1466. Governor Fitial maintains his stance on these issues and it is expected that he will be reiterating the administration's position as well as the pressing need to promulgate the transitional workers regulations," Demapan told Saipan Tribune.

Fitial received an invitation dated

June 9 from Fleming, but the administration said it received the invitation only on Tuesday.

"I cordially invite you to testify at this hearing," Fleming told Fitial.

Douglas Brennan, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said they have not received an invitation but they will be submitting written tes-

United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed, for his part, said they do not support Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's H.R. 1466 because it does not cover foreign workers who have been in the CNMI for years or de-

Syed reiterated UWM's position, asking the federal government to provide "green card" or a pathway to U.S. citizenship for long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

He said the bill will be unfair to longterm foreign workers, including those who have legally been in the CNMI for over 20 years, for example, and do not have U.S. citizen children.

H.R. 1466 proposes a "CNMI-only

resident status" for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008, and continuing to be on the islands, CNMI permanent residents, those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974 and Jan. 9, 1978, and the spouses or children, "as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)), of an alien described in subclauses (I) or (II).

The July 14 hearing will be at 10am in Room 1324 of Longworth House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The hearing comes at a time when the CNMI is waiting for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to issue regulations governing foreign workers during the federalization transition period ending in 2014.

DHS had just sent to the White House Office of Management and Budget on June 15 the draft Commonwealth-only transitional worker regulations for review, five months before the grace period for those without U.S. immigration status expires on Nov. 27, 2011.

OMB has up to 90 days to review it. That 90-day period ends on Sept. 15.

AG opinion sought on Saipan casino bill, but admin has concerns

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Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan)

has asked Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham for a legal opinion on a local bill legalizing casino gambling on on the matter at this time.

Saipan, but the Fitial administration has raised concern on the appropriateness of commenting

Saipan passed the House last

vear but was killed by the

Senate. The Senate, which

would like voters to decide

on casino gambling, said it

will again kill the measure if

another Saipan casino bill is

put to a vote. Torres intro-

duced a "local" bill to legal-

ize it, and the Senate warned

it will bring the matter to

court once the bill is passed

by the Saipan delegation.

fore June 17. As of yesterday, Yumul said he has not heard or received offered since it is difficult to

Buckingham, asked that such

comment be issued on or be-

Yumul, in a June 13 letter to

comments from the attorney general.

Yumul is chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Ways and Means Committee, which is one of two panels tasked to re-

ceive comments on Rep. Stanley Torres's (Ind-Saipan) House Local Bill 17-44.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said that while

there are some limited occasions where the Office of the Attorney General provides comments on pending legislation, comments are rarely

> participate in the drafting of legislation and then independently reviewing the legislation to determine if there are legal issues or problems present.

"In view of this, the OAG has not

issued comments on this matter," Demapan said.

Yumul's June 13 letter was received and stamped by the OAG's Civil Division on the same day.

Demapan also said that among other responsibilities, the OAG is tasked with review and providing advice to the governor concerning bills that are submitted for signature.

"This review includes whether any significant legal or constitutional issues might warrant a veto of particular legislation," he said.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the Senate will be taking the matter to court if and when the Saipan delegation passes the bill.

He, however, said the Senate is considering support for the submission of a certified question to the court on the constitutionality of the casino bill.

Former Chamber president: Casino is not the answer to CNMI's economic problems

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Former Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Efrain Camacho told the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Ways and Means Committee that a "casino is not the answer" to the CNMI's economic woes.

He pointed out the lack of studies that show otherwise.

"I want Congressman Stanley Torres to produce documents showing that casinos will benefit Saipan. Without substantiating documents, casinos can't be justified," Camacho said in a letter to the delegation's Ways and Means Committee chair, Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

Both the delegation's Ways and Means Committee and the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee chaired by Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) held six public hearings on Torres' House Local Bill 17-44.

HLB 17-44 seeks to legalize casino gambling on Saipan.

Palacios said they have decided to submit a certified question to the court whether or not the local casino bill is constitutional. That certified question has yet to be finalized.

Yumul and Palacios said their committees are now compiling the results of the public hearings. Yumul said after transcribing the comments made during the public hearings, the committees will then have to deliberate on the merits of the comments, as well as the legislation itself.

"Some members are already talking about making changes to the bill," he told Saipan Tri-

Camacho, president of EFC Engineers & Architects and a former Commonwealth Ports Authority director, said he was recently in New Mexico and spoke with casino owners who all stated that it takes a lot of money to regulate the industry.

"Do we have that money? Where is it going to come from?" he asked.

Camacho also said the delegation allocates additional money to Rota to support the casino commissioner.

"Why? It is unlikely that casinos on Rota will develop as envisioned. There are simply not enough people within easy travel," he said.

Camacho said poker was legalized under the premise that it would bring tourists to play the machines, but did not. Instead, he said, many locals are asking for loans to play poker machines. He feels that poker gaming has done more harm than good to the CNMI.

"The people spoke on at least two occasions. Why is the Legislature taking it upon itself to legalize it?" Camacho said.

Rep. Froilan Tenorio's (Cov-Saipan) House bill legalizing casino gambling on



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Life in Motion

Parents, teachers save SAEF school from closing down

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

Parents and teachers of the

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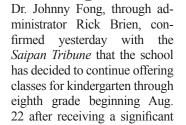
The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund (NMIRF) is soliciting proposals to lease approximately 14,666

square feet of prime office space located on the second and third floors of the Retirement Fund Building on

Northern Mariana Dslands ETIREMENT FUND

other parents to enroll their children at the school.

SAEF president and owner



Fong had informed SAEF teachers and employees last week that the institution will stop offering second grade to eighth grade levels due to low enrollment. This caused the termination of several teachers.

number of enrollees last week.

Brien disclosed yesterday that parents and teachers appealed to Fong, citing the closure's effect on their children, many of whom have been studying at SAEF for many years now—even before the school was acquired by Fong.

Fong, who is also the owner of University of Loyola and Kids Cove Learning Center, acquired SAEF in 2008.

Brien said the "eagerness and willingness" demonstrated by parents and teachers persuaded the management to change its mind and cancel the planned downsizing.

He disclosed that a day after the decision was announced, parents and teachers started to "recruit and market" the institution to get the needed enrollees for the new school year.

As of yesterday, the school has recorded over 100 enrollees: first grade, 12; second grade, 10; third grade, seven; fourth grade, seven; fifth grade, 10; sixth grade, nine; seventh grade, nine; and eighth grade, four.

Brien disclosed that enrollees in kindergarten-3 through K-5 amounted to about 35 as of yesterday. Registration for all levels is ongoing until classes open on Aug. 22.

Brien said SAEF has retained all 11 teachers for the next school year and may add more to accommodate its growing student population. Fong, he said, is thankful for the parents' commitment and dedication to the education of their children.

Fong earlier disclosed that since acquiring the institution in 2008, yearly operational losses were at over \$50,000.

Capitol Hill, Saipan.

- Minimum acceptable terms include the following: \$1.33 per square foot per month, Triple Net (higher for less than full available footage);
- Lessee responsible for own utilities, as well as cost to separately meter;
- 24 months minimum lease term; and
- First month, last month and reasonable security deposit required (amount depends on credit history and financial strength of Lessee).

All proposals are subject to acceptance by the NMIRF Board of Trustees in its sole discretion, as well as removal of current tenant. Anticipated availability beginning August 1, 2011.

/s/ RICHARD S. VILLAGOMEZ Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund

Notice of Commonwealth Zoning Board Public Hearing For House Local Bill 17-26 (Section 3 and Section 4)

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation has asked the Zoning Office to hold public hearings regarding HLB 17-26. The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on HLB 17-26, sections 3 and 4:

Date: June 30th, 2011 (Thursday)

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

HLB 17-26, Section 3: This section would rezone all properties near most major paved thoroughfares, 600 feet from the centerlines on either side of such streets (creating a 1200-foot corridor) as "Mixed Commercial." Properties located near the following roads are affected by this rezoning proposal:

Afetna Road	
As Gonno Road	
As Perdido Road	
Beach Road	
Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road	
Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road	
Chalan Pale Arnold Road	
Chalan Santa Lourdes Road	
Chalan Talafofo Road	
Chalan Tun Thomas P. Sablan Road	
Dandan Road	

Flame Tree Road	
Isa Drive	
Kagman Road	
Koblerville Road	
Naftan Road	
Navy Hill Road	
Sugar King Road	
Texas Road	
Tun Herman Pan Road	
Tun Kiyoshi Road	

Properties already zoned as "Mixed Commercial" or "Industrial" would not be affected. Residential and village commercial would be rezoned. A map of the proposed rezoning is available as a free download at www.zoning.gov.mp.

HLB 17-26, Section 4: This section would make dramatic changes to Table 1 in Article 4 of the Saipan Zoning Law. This would reclassify a number of "conditional uses" to become "permitted uses." This section also greatly expands the uses permitted in rural areas, to include factories, prisons, nightclubs, carnivals, gas stations and automotive repair, among others. This change would also expand the area in which poker parlors are permitted. All of these uses would also be permitted in public resource areas, with the exception of gas stations. The public resource zone consists of national parks, CNMI parks, beaches, and cultural areas, such as Mt. Tapachao and Last Command Post. Changes to the table are indicated by a circled "P" in each cell of the table. The public may view these changes on the Zoning office's website at www.zoning.gov.mp.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, at 234-9661 or e-mail at dwyatt@zoning.gov.mp.

The Superior Court has slapped a six-month prison term on a 53-year-old man who attacked a neighbor with a machete outside a barracks in Garapan last January.

Noel Marcilino Dolde was convicted of aggravated assault and battery and was sentenced to five years in prison, all suspended except for six months, with credit for the five months he had already served in iail since his arrest.

After completing the remaining one-month sentence, Dolde will be placed on probation for five years.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman also required him to write a letter of apology to the victim and a separate letter explaining how this conviction a machete on Jan. 7 or 8, 2011 will affect his family.

Man in machete attack gets 6-month sentence

Dolde was also directed to pay a \$1,500 fine, \$100 court assessment fee, plus a probation fee, and to pay \$556.59 in restitution to the victim. Carlos Vela. for medical bills and in a future amount to be determined by the Office of Adult Probation.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Dolde with assault with a dangerous weapon, and two counts of disturbing the peace.

Dolde pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and battery as part of a plea deal and as a lesser-included charge to the offense of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Dolde had attacked Vela with

on Saipan; the injury required stitches.

Catherine B. Detective Pangelinan stated in her report that the incident happened outside Vela's barracks along Putting Tai Nobio Avenue.

Pangelinan said that Vela was with his girlfriend and was drinking with a neighbor, while Dolde was playing cards near them. Dolde, who was not drinking, reportedly made a joke but got mad when Vela returned the joke. Dolde took a machete from his room and hit Vela on the left arm with it.

A neighbor pulled Dolde to the side as someone then called the police. (Ferdie de la Torre)



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works 2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai

Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW11-IFB-016

Renovation Of Government House #1323 - CNMI Department of Labor

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids proposal **for the Renovation of Government House #1323**, Capital Hill, Mednilla Avenue, Saipan Commonwealth of the

The project package will be available on or after June 23, 2011 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capital Hill, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. **Preference is** available to **US Citizens** as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, and must be submitted with the BID of preference is claimed.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on July 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. local time at the Project Site, Gov't Bldg. # 1323-Mednilla Avenue. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on May 2, 2011 to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director, Technical Services Division**, DPW Bldg. #1353 Mednilla Avenue, or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW11-IFB-016". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time July 22, 2011. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time July 22, 2011, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 22, 2011, and must be received no later than August 02, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, August 04, 2011, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 27, 2011.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000,00. The surety company providing the Performance and payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (US \$100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director of Procurement and Supply

Hyatt employees raise \$5.5K for 2011 march vs cancer

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa david@saipantribune.com

Employees of the Hyatt Regency Saipan raised a total of \$5,500 in support of the 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer.

The amount was collected from three fundraising activities: carwash, yard sale, and a raffle draw.

Hotel executives presented on June 17 the donation to Commonwealth Cancer Association board president Bud White, program manager Tina Sablan, and 2011 MMAC chair Dave Guerrero.

Luis Villagomez, Hyatt marketing communications assistant manager, disclosed that their employees had targeted to raise at least \$3,000 but their fundraising events were so "overwhelmingly successful" that the total amount raised surpassed that.

"It is a great endeavor to support the Commonwealth Cancer Association, cancer survivors, their families, and the entire community," he told Saipan Tribune.

Sablan said the raffle fundraiser was an outstanding success. "We are deeply grateful to the Hyatt for their continuing also given away.

support of the Commonwealth Cancer Association's efforts to reduce the burden of cancer in our community," she added.

The drawing of the raffle winners was held last Friday at the hotel lobby. Hyatt front desk staff Jack Deleon Guerrero won the grand prize—a one night stay in an Executive Suite Room with Kili Buffet breakfast for two.

Other winners were R. B. Seman, first prize, one night stay in a Spa Suite room with Kili Buffet Breakfast for two; Julanee Pangelinan, second prize, one night stay at the Regency Club Room with Kili Buffet Breakfast for two; Julie and Reed Camacho, third prize, one night stay in a Grand Room with Kili Buffet Breakfast for two; Sheila Vicencio, fourth prize, one night stay in a Standard Room with Kili Buffet Breakfast for two; and Peter Mesa, fifth prize, 60 minutes Swedish massage for two.

Consolation prizes of Saturday Buffet Dinner at Miyako, Sunday Brunch at Giovanni's, Buffet Dinner for two at Kili Café & Terrace, beach barbecue dinner, cheese cake, Club Elan day passes for four, and \$10 certificates at DJ's Corner were



mittee chair Dave Guerrero accept the \$5,500 donation from Hyatt Regency Saipan executives in a brief ceremony last Friday.

Retirees leery of Fund's motive in lawsuit against Merrill Lynch

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

The lawyer representing CNMI retirees in their case against Merrill Lynch is leery about the Retirement Fund's motive after it filed a counter-complaint last week against its former investment consultant.

Robert O'Connor believes that there seems to be a "deal" behind the decision.

"The retirees we represent are suspicious about the Fund board's motives in joining the case against Merrill Lynch now after refusing to do so for two years and after telling individual legislators there was no case against Merrill Lynch," O'Connor said yesterday.

Since 2009, some retirees have tried to convince the board to join in their lawsuit, to no avail. This prompted them to name the trustees as co-respondents in the case.

The Fund cited five charges in its complaint against the investment consultant last week: breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, malpractice, and unjust enrichment. It said the Fund lost about \$150 million in investments in 2009 alone as a result of "bad advice" and "defective strategies" suggested by Merrill Lynch.

On Friday, board of trustees chair Sixto Igisomar declined to respond when asked if there is pressure on the board to run after Merrill Lynch. "I really don't want to make any comment...

because we're now a defendant in the case," he said.

O'Connor believes the proposed Beneficiary Derivative Act now pending in the Legislature is the reason behind the Fund's change of heart. That bill would allow retirees to sue if the board refuses to do so. The Fund strongly opposes the bill.

"The only reason why the board is now joining [the lawsuit] seems to be because they do not want the law allowing retirees to sue to be voted on by the Legislature and signed into law by the governor," said O'Connor.

He described the latest board action as a "disturbing attempt to take the case away from competent and experienced mainland lawyers."

The Fund is represented in the case by the Law Office of Braddock J. Huesman LLC, which according to O'Connor is the same lawyer who earlier lobbied against giving retirees the right to sue Merrill Lynch.

"The Legislature was about to give the retirees that right when the board of trustees suddenly decided to sue Merrill Lynch itself so it could argue to the Legislature that there was no longer a need to let the retirees sue Merrill Lynch themselves," said O'Connor, adding that the Legislature still needs to pass the derivative act to protect retirees.

Igisomar did not immediately respond to email requests for comments yesterday.



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Resolution to OK \$102M budget for 2012 ready

haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com REPORTER

House Ways and Means Committee chair Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) has pre-filed a House concurrent resolution to approve a \$102 million budget for fiscal year 2012, even as the committee is still drafting next year's budget bill.

Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), in a brief interview yesterday, said the concurrent resolution will be acted on during the House's next session, which has yet to be ment's activities in 2012. The scheduled.

House Concurrent Resolution 17-3, which is co-sponsored by six other members, seeks to approve the government budget for fiscal year 2012—Oct. 1, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2012.

The total identified budgetary resources is \$120,679,000, based on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's budget submission.

Of this amount, \$102 million is the total local revenue and resources available for appropriation for the CNMI governrest will go toward other obligations such as bond payments and other earmarks.

The four-page concurrent resolution also urges the governor to submit a report as soon as possible any amendments or changes to the budget, including actual revenues and expenditures to date for fiscal year 2011, any policy changes proposed since the April 1 submittal of the budget proposal, and other significant factors affecting the 2012 budget.

Basa said earlier that the

The CNMI government partially shut down last year when the House and Senate failed to pass a budget before the start of FY 2011 on Oct. 1. Lawmakers have since said they will work harder to pass a timely budget and avoid another partial shutdown in Oc-

Yobei featured in 1st Nesia Festival in Portland

>> Saipan artist to hold series of shows

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Local musician Parker Yobei will be the main act in the upcoming 1st United Nesia Festival slated next month.

The 1st United Nesia Festival, to be held on July 2 at the Portland State University Ballroom, is the biggest and most anticipated event of the summer, showcasing the talents of various performers from Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

Organized by eXpose Thyself Entertainment, Betelnut Radio, Island Session and KMMN-WLTH, the festival will bring nine hours of arts and crafts, authentic food, and live performances from different Pacific island nations.

One hundred early presale tickets sold in April cost \$25 each, 100 regular presale tickets bought in May were priced

BIRTHDAY

SHOUTOUT

Belated happy

birthday to Ga-

13, 2011! May

you have more

Greetings come

from your family

est dad in the world, Raymond Sablan! We

at \$30 each, while 300 regular tickets in June will be charged \$35 each.

Yobei, in an interview, said this will be his first time to perform in Portland. "I was lucky enough to be invited and be the featured performer for the event," he told Saipan Tribune.

According to Yobei, he will be leaving on June 28 with his wife Christine and 3-year-old daughter Mia Danielle.

"This is me making it up to them, especially to my daughter, for missing her birthday last June 10 because of the Flame Tree Arts Festival," he explained.

Yobei said the festival is only the beginning of a series of six shows in Washington and the Portland area, noting that there might be one show in Idaho, which is still being finalized.

"I'm really excited to meet other islanders who have moved to those places. It's more like



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giving them a chance to feel, hear, and witness live performances, which is different from hearing them on radio or CD," he said.

Local musician Parker Yobei.

Belated happy birthday greetings to George Jr. Blas, who celebrated his 2nd birthday on June 22, 2011! Greetings come from Mom, Dad Keoki , and Georalyn. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

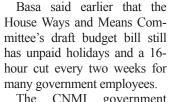


hope you enjoy your day, Daddy! Love, your three headache girls: Lynn, Rayna, and

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special to so many people. We wish you both many more happy years. Love, your family and friends and especially your grandson, Brandon Lee

who is celebrating his birthday today, June 23! Enjoy your special day; we love you! Greetings come from Mommy, Uncle Randall, Auntie Mona, Auntie Luna, Auntie Marissa, Auntie Leslie, friends, and family.



tober this year.

Yobei said the festival and the

rest of his shows can serve as a

venue for Pacific Islanders "to

guest local artists to push it up

to the next level and reach for

the skies. That's why I'm really

honored and excited and I plan

to give a strong show," he said.

Islanders in the area to come

out and support the 1st United

Nesia Festival. "Have a good

time with your family, meet old

friends and make new ones at

Discrimination

suit vs defunct

is dismissed

garment factory

The federal court dismissed

yesterday an alien worker's

discrimination lawsuit against a

defunct garment manufacturer.

NMI judge Frances M. Tyding-

co-Gatewood dismissed with-

out prejudice Reynaldo L. Gar-

cia's lawsuit against Poong-In

Dismissal without prejudice

The judge said the supple-

mental response order required

Garcia to explain why service

of summons process should be

deemed effected in this case.

Garcia has failed to do so, Tyd-

"As such, the court cannot

deem service of process effect-

Garcia, a Filipino mechanic,

alleged that because of his na-

tional origin, the factory did not

renew his contract and instead

pending for more than six

months without any action tak-

en by the parties in that period.

The court then asked plaintiff

to explain why the court should

Attorney Stephen Wood-

ruff, counsel for Garcia, stated

that the service on Poong-In

Saipan Inc.'s attorney of re-

cord from an underlying Equal

Commission case should be

enough. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Opportunity

not dismiss the case.

Employment

Garcia's lawsuit has been

hired some Chinese nationals.

means Garcia may re-file the

complaint in the future.

ingco-Gatewood said.

ed," the judge said.

Saipan Inc.

U.S. District Court for the

the event," he added.

Yobei encouraged all Pacific

"It's also a challenge for the

be just themselves and enjoy."

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 23, 1999

PSS vows to complete decade-long MHS gym

The Public School System has vowed to finally complete this year the Marianas High School gymnasium project, which began almost a decade ago but had been disrupted several times by funding problems and contract conflicts. Christopher Fryling, the agency's facilities specialist, said PSS will award on Friday the contract for the cladding of the steel structure, which remains idle after it was built more than two years ago by B&R Construction. Fryling said PSS is awaiting the US Department of Interior's action on the bidding proposal for the final construction work.

DPS, CHC in tug of war over ambulance fees

Even though the Department of Public Safety runs the fleet of ambulance vans used by the Commonwealth Health Center to respond to emergency cases outside the hospital, the \$300 charged for each run does not go to the department. Rep. Oscar M. Babauta yesterday pledged to correct the existing set-up between DPS and CHC regarding the use of these vehicles, saying portion of the money should go to maintenance and repair of ambulance vans. "We should seriously look into the issue so that DPS is not shortchanged by the funds that CHC is collecting from the ambulance run," he said in an interview.

June 23, 2000

MVA opposes bill increasing board members

The Marianas Visitors Authority yesterday expressed concern on the financial effect of a proposed measure that will increase the number of MVA board of directors from the current nine to 11 members to its limited financial resources. Board Chair Dave M. Sablan said the legislature failed to identify the source of funding for the two new positions of deputy managing director—one each for Rota and Tinian. The board has scheduled a special meeting to discuss the issue extensively so that they can prepare for the recommendations to be submitted to the legislature. Sablan estimates that each MVA office for Rota and Tinian would need approximately \$200,000 each, considered a huge burden for the tourism office.

Lawmaker says DEQ must search for used oil, abandoned dump

The government must scour the boonies and other remote areas on the islands to find other drums of used oil and wastes which a lawmaker yesterday claimed were dumped and abandoned by the U.S. military for the last several decades. Rep. Stanley T. Torres likewise asked local authorities to seek assistance from the federal government to cleanup the mess that is now being discovered in several areas on Saipan. Citing the discovery 24 drums of used oil in Dandan the other day, he claimed these were left behind by the military as the site where they were found was once an airfield by U.S. Air Force right after World War II.

June 23, 2004

Legislature questions loss of power over 702 funds

The Office of Insular Affairs has promised to work with the CNMI Legislature to find out why the legislative branch was stripped of powers to appropriate CIP funds under the fiscal year 2005 agreement. House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial raised yesterday why the CNMI Legislature was not involved in the negotiation for the Section 702 agreement that was recently signed between the U.S. government and the Commonwealth. He also wants to know if such an arrangement was stipulated in the agreement. Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior David B. Cohen and Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente officially signed the CIP Funding Agreement during a brief ceremony at the Governor's Office Monday.

MOVER to tackle northern drainages in new project

Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. has awarded another \$5,000 grant to non-profit group MOVER, which has proposed to clean up stormwater drainages in the northern part of Saipan. MOVER, a group of Filipino workers, would also receive an award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during the opening of the Pacific Islands Environment Conference today at the Dai-Ichi Hotel Saipan Beach. The EPA recognized MOVER's initiative to clean up some 25 stormwater drainages on Saipan's western shores from Garapan to San Antonio to mitigate the impact of runoff on the lagoon. The EPA also recognized MOVER's participation in various cleanup projects organized by the Environmental Interagency Cleanup Operation Team.





Happy anniversary to Becky and Zack Cruz! You are

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Mychel Jaiven Deleon Guerrero,

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS Class of 1991 to hold three-day reunion

The Marianas High School Class of 1991 will have a three-day celebration for its 20th reunion.

On June 24, members of the Class of 1991 will have a get-together at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan from 6pm to 10pm. Attire is Hawaiian print or casual. A portrait session (fee by package if you want) will be made available. Fee for the event at PIC is \$22.

On June 25, the Class of 1991 will hold a Mass to pay respects to their deceased classmates. The Mass starts 6pm at the Kristo Rai Church.

On June 26, there will be a potluck party at the Minatchom Atdao Pavillion from 9am to 6pm. Participants are requested to wear their just-purchased MHS Class of 1991 T-shirts. Attendees are also requested to bring two cases of drink, preferably water. If you're bringing alcohol, it would be a good idea to also bring a cooler. Those attending are also advised to bring food to share in the potluck party. *(PR)*

Tinian Harbor redflagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the Tinian Harbor and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified. DEQ said that samples collected from this location had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 10 locations on Tinian this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

Learn traditional ropemaking on Saturday

The Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw is offering free classes to all Chamorros and Carolinians on traditional rope-making using hibiscus and coconut fibers on Saturday, June 25, 2011. This Saturday is also the last day for banana print and mwar making.

Classes start at 9am and end around noontime. Classes are offered at the Saipan Chamorro-Carolinian Village Cultural Centers Headquarters at 1213 Capitol Hill Road, which is across from the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency and next to the CNMI Board of Parole Office. The classes are offered by the Association of Native Medicine and Culture, in partnership with the Indigenous Affairs Office, and funded in part by the Administration for Native Americans. For more information, call 322-0278. (PR)

Grow your business with BizGrowth CHALLENGE

The Biz*Growth* CHALLENGE is a 12-week program guaranteed to boost your bottom line and create sustainable growth. Go to www.SaipanBestLiving. com and download the PDF for complete details. Come to the BizGrowth Launch Symposium at the Multi-Purpose Center today, June 23, from 8am to 5pm.

The morning session is for business owners to get a fast start on the CHALLENGE. The afternoon has three, onehour sessions on topics such as: Grants for businesses, bookkeeping, motivation, personal financial management, getting a loan, and more. During the 12 weeks you'll get training and support worth over \$1,800 to grow your business, for only \$97. Includes a 30-day money back guarantee. Go to the website to learn more or register. (Save \$20 before the 22nd) *(PR)*

Kagman High School summer school applicants

To all juniors and seniors from Kagman High School who completed summer school applications for this summer session at Saipan Southern High School, busing will begin pickup at your respective bus stops for this week. After this week, students will be picked up at the school campus closest to your home. You must attend classes regularly to gain the credit needed for graduation. You will not graduate on time unless you comply! If you are a junior who needs credit recovery, apply for summer school at the main office before Monday, June 27. If anyone has any questions, call the main office at 237 3840. (PR)

Enrollment info for Kagman High

To all returning Kagman High School students, parents and guardians: All students must register anew for school year 2011-2012, even if you went to KHS this last school year. The school is updating its records and everyone must re-register or they will not receive a class schedule for the school year. Register before Aug. 19 for optimum scheduling. Registration forms can be picked up from the registrar or in the main office.

Documents needed for registration are: official transcript (only if transferring from another school); registration form with E-Rate Survey; copy of health certificate clearance; copy of birth certificate; copy of medical insurance provider; map to residence; and guardianship or power of at-

torney (if legal guardian).

For more information, call 237 3840 or 237 3886. (PR)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 24, from 11am to 7:30pm. The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (USN)

MVA HONORS OUT-STANDING EMPLOYEES

The Marianas Visitors Authority honored a number of staff members and managers in recognition of their excellent job performance at the office's Employee Appreciation Ceremony on May 27, 2011. Receiving awards and pictured with MVA managing director Perry Tenorio are, from left, chief accountant Donnie Militante for 2010 Leadership Award, Tenorio, marketing specialist Hiroko Tenorio for 10 years of service, marketing specialist Brenda Repeki for Employee of the Quarter, marketing specialist Tatiana Babauta for Employee of the Year, deputy managing director Judy Torres for 2009 and 2010 Leadership Awards, marketing manager Bruce Bateman for 2010 Leadership Award, and Community Projects manager Martin Duenas for 20 years of service and 2009 and 2010 Leadership Awards. Not pictured is acting Roads and Grounds maintenance manager Vida Borja for 2009 and 2010 Leadership Awards.



Murphy Reyes of the Marianas Visitors Authority office in Rota, second from right, was recognized this month for 15 years of service with the MVA. Pictured from left are MVA staffer Francisco Masga, MVA director Edward Maratita, Reyes, and MVA staffer Atson Poll.

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Lacking in substance

By ED MORALES

PROGRESSIVE MEDIA PROJECT

n his visit to Puerto Rico, President Obama failed to address the major problems facing the island. At bottom, it seemed to be much more of an early campaign stop than an honest effort to grapple with these problems.

While Puerto Ricans were excited by the first official visit by a sitting U.S. president in about 50 years, Obama's visit was cosmetic, not substantive.

He offered platitudes about striving local entrepreneurs and drew cheers by mentioning Puerto Rican national J.J. Barea, a player for the recently crowned NBA champion Dallas Mavericks. Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens by birth but cannot vote for president, yet they serve in the military, so Obama predictably praised Puerto Ricans in the armed forces.

The president did not go near discussing the serious civil rights violations and police brutality that have so marked protests on the island recently. Nor did he discuss Gov. Luis Fortuno's pet project: a natural gas pipeline (called the gasoducto) that opponents claim will harm much of the island's treasured ecosystem.

Obama did talk about stabilizing Puerto Rico's economy, but he offered nothing concrete. And Puerto Rico's economy has severe problems—high unemployment, lagging business investment, exploding crime rates—that can't be easily compared to those of other U.S. states. The end of a longstanding tax breaks for corporations, combined with the effects of the North American Free Trade Agreement, has completely eroded the island's income, and the local government has become the biggest employer.

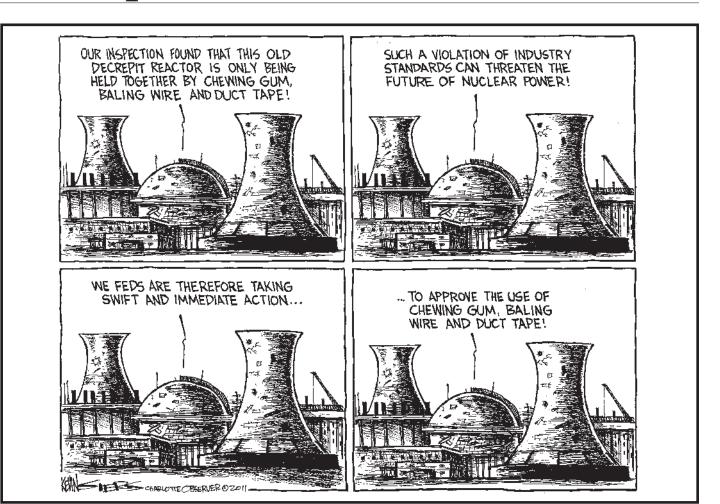
Conservative pro-statehood Gov. Fortuno has imposed a heavy-handed solution for Puerto Rico's fiscal woes: cut government jobs, privatize (and increase tuition costs at) the University of Puerto Rico and decimate the power of labor unions. These policies have accelerated a massive brain drain, as educated middle-class Puerto Ricans have emigrated in droves to places like Orlando, Fla.—so much so that Puerto Ricans living in the 50 states now outnumber those living on the island.

Which brings us to the underlying reasons for Obama's visit. The increase of middle-class Puerto Ricans in Florida has created a kind of counterweight to the largely Republican voting bloc of Cuban-Americans in that state. A key to Obama's strategy for re-election is to make sure that Latinos in Florida vote Democratic. In addition, any visible attempt to address Latinos, such as in his trip to Puerto Rico, helps to deflect criticism over his lack of initiative in bringing about immigration reform.

Obama's main takeaway from his visit was the \$1 million or so he put into his re-election campaign coffers from a fundraiser during the visit.

But the people of Puerto Rico were left high and dry. They deserve more than platitudes and promises. They deserve more than four hours spent as a political advertisement for an incumbent president's re- election campaign. They deserve more than being a mere afterthought in the American political system.

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Issues and ideas for NMC board consideration

Editor's Note: The following is the complete text of a presentation the author gave to the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents on May 20, 2011.

First of a two-part series

ISSUE 1: NMC Human Resources

■ The current process does not always support the hiring of the est candidates.

Hiring candidates for faculty, staff, and administrative positions needs to go beyond limited advertising and procedural interviewing according to NMC's established processes. Advertising for positions should be widespread to include electronic means such as open bulletin boards from professional societies. Involvement with stakeholders facilitated through Skype-based public forums should be the standard, not the exception. Also, at NMC Human Resources staff contacts references as opposed to faculty search committees who have better knowledge of the kinds of questions to ask the applicant's references. One solution is to have committee members call references under the auspices of Human Resources staff so that important questions could be asked without compromising the integrity of the process.

Staff members with little knowledge of academic qualifications are making key decisions.

Faculty should have the responsibility to evaluate candidates for faculty positions and should also be involved in choosing their immediate supervisors and their dean. Opposed to this, the current practice at NMC is to have Human Resources complete the evaluations. Although this can be legally expedient, it can be disastrous in selecting the best candidate. Human Resources should provide oversight to the process to ensure legal guidelines are met, but also allow the selection to be made by those with curricular expertise or administrative pertinences, and not a Human Resources clerk.

■ Hiring decisions are often made with little input from those most affected by the hiring.

The recent hiring of a faculty member in the School of Education serves as an important example of why the system is not working. The candidate applied for an Elementary (kindergarten through fifth grade) reading education position. His credentials and experience were in the area of secondary school English (ninth through twelfth grade) and English as a Second Language—areas very different from Elementary reading. Elementary reading focuses on things like recognizing sight words and deriving meaning through illustrations, repetitive syntax, and linguistic redundancy deconstructing what is written to make meaning. Secondary English focuses on using literature to promote writing and the proper use of language for personal and public reasons—constructing the written word to establish meaning. In the end, he was made an offer by the interim president despite low rankings by the selection committee and concerns shared by the SOE director. His inexperience means that there is not a program for him to teach in at the SE and the SOE will continue to need to adjunct its reading courses.

■ Searches are poorly advertised and often stretched out for unreasonable times.

By OSCAR C. RASA Special to the Saipan Tribune

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One way that a power base of individuals in an organization can remain in control is to eliminate the opposition through a variety of subtle tactics. This appears to be the case at NMC. By limiting the advertising of positions, controlling who is "eligible" and stretching out the timeline for extensive periods of time, the candidate pool is artificially limited. This also allows the appointment of "unqualified" sycophant employees with little or no opposition from the college community members who are led to believe that good candidates are not available. In reality, quality candidates need to have timely decisions so that they can commit to an institution or seek other offers. Few candidates can wait for months at a time to see if they will be hired. They go elsewhere, further limiting the available pool of applicants at NMC. An interesting example is that a candidate with an educational doctorate, a masters in Business Administration from the top-rated Katz School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh, and a bachelor's degree in Accounting was not even interviewed for the chief financial and administrative officer position. The candidate was informed that "recruitment" for this position would be put on hold." (Editor's Note: Mr. Rogelio Madriaga [MBA from UH] was eventually appointed to the post.) There is not a saving measure to the institution since Mr. Madriaga was being paid through ARRA funding and will now be funded through the college personnel budget.

ISSUE 2: The Board of Regents

■ Board members are carefully chosen based on their outstanding qualifications but do not seem to receive proper training by the institution once they assume the position.

As you know from the business community, it is critically important to provide board members with unbiased, accurate, comprehensive, and timely information that will assist them in making unified, strategic decisions in support of the institution and the Commonwealth. For NMC, this includes providing and understanding the nature and context of higher education, which is distinctly different from government, business, or the military. Board education and development is a primary responsibility of the president and should be a continual process, not limited to crisis situations such as potential loss of accreditation. Time needs to be set aside for discussion of current and emerging issues so that the institution can pre-plan as opposed to reacting to circumstances. This process does not have to be time-consuming but issues should be summarized for consideration and potential further discussion by board members. If needed, the board chair can request **See ISSUES on next page**

EDITORIAL POLICY

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Our community needs you

profile so I can keep the work I do with clients confidential. Those that know me well know I tend to be quiet and like to stay out of the spotlight. However, part of my personality also keeps me from just standing by when there's a problem and I know I can help in some way. I developed the BizGrowth CHALLENGE because the people on Saipan have been very good to me and my family over the last 14 years, and I want to give back to the community.

The Wednesday session of the Symposium went very well with Tony Pellegrino introducing his air bridge concept to local farmers. When he asked how many farmers were currently selling to Guam, no one raised their hands. By creating an inexpensive distribution channel to Guam, farmers will have a greater incentive to use their land to grow more crops. In the group that I facilitated, there was some discussion to start a farmer's co-op, and to encourage more youth to explore farming as a serious vocation. CREES offered training sessions and continues to be a major resource for farmers.

Tony Pellegrino will also share his concept with individuals attending the Symposium being offered today. The air bridge will not only benefit farmers, it will help reduce the cost of shipping between the islands and indirectly help the entire community. If you're a businessperson, you should see several possible benefits you'll gain from the air bridge.

For those who are still undecided about participating in the BizGrowth CHALLENGE, here are a few reasons why you should consider coming today and participating in the 12-week program:

- Learn the latest business principles for success. First of all, the entire program is focused on creating sustainable growth for your business. You will get an abundance of information over the next 12 weeks that I've spent tens of thousands of dollars to stay current on the latest business principles, and I've spent thousands of hours developing for clients. Some of the concepts have been touched on briefly in my weekly column in the Tribune, but typically, only my clients that have paid me \$1,200-\$1,500 per month have used this material.
 - Marketing using new technology. Most Saipan business are

ver the last decade I've preferred to maintain a very low not effectively utilizing the Internet or social networks to market their business online, so you'll get a listing in an interactive website that I've spent almost a year developing and testing, and that incorporates some of the best ideas from websites that are extremely popular in the U.S. This listing is good for over two months and then you can either cancel or continue, but it is just the first phase of some other powerful online marketing concepts that you'll know about first if you're part of the CHALLENGE.

- SWOT analysis in your 6 Strategic Dimensions. You'll learn how to develop effective systems in the 6 Strategic Dimensions that are part of every business. These work like the systems in your body (nervous system, cardio-pulmonary system, respiratory system, etc.), and if one of these systems is malfunctioning in your business, it can have a crippling effect on the body of your organization. You can choose one, two, or three Dimensions that you want to focus on, or participate in all 6 by taking a simple inventory, evaluating the results and coming up with a game plan to strengthen it.
- Weekly online customer service training. Every week you'll get a report—not just a few pages—but complete information to include assessments, checklists, and details in 12 critical areas of the customer service puzzle. These cover the pre-transaction, transaction, and post-transaction phases of customer service. You'll also get articles and instructions and other materials to conduct your own training sessions with your staff. This was developed for clients in Guam, and only a few have seen it here.

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU: We are in a real crisis situation that requires a turn around, and I'm not going to pretend that I can do it alone, but I know that if enough businesses come together to make a serious attempt to turn the economy around, it can and will happen. I've got tremendous support from many individuals in the public and private sectors with whom I've shared the BizGrowth CHALLENGE mission, so I know many are interested in making a difference and helping to keep Saipan a great place to live and raise a family. I also realize that we may only make a dent in the economy at this time, but if we can start the process of rebuilding, the momentum will continue to carry us forward and create a catalyst for dramatic change in the future.

By RIK VILLEGAS

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The Thursday Symposium is at the Multi-Purpose Center, and the \$97 cost includes two tickets to the training and full participation in the 12-week program (additional tickets are only \$10 per person in your organization). If you just want to attend the training, it is only \$30 per person. The morning session will be an overview of what you can expect for the next 12 weeks, and how to get off to a fast start. In the afternoon, you will be able to choose from seven topics that will be offered in three one-hour training sessions. Some of the topics include: Accessing the millions in grants and other funding sources for businesses by Geri Willis, applying for a loan with CDA and preparing a business plan by Greg Calvo and Ralph Yumul, bookkeeping by Eric Plinske, human resource issues by Frank Gibson, motivating staff by Janel Villegas, financial planning - business & personal by Perry Conner, and training opportunities by NMC Community Development Institute staff. To join the CHALLENGE, go to www.SaipanBestLiving.com and get listed on the website, or you can register today at the BizGrowth Launch Symposium

TAKE THE CHALLENGE: I'm inviting you to take the CHAL-LENGE and help make a difference not only in your business but in the overall economy. I'm going to do everything I can to assist in that effort, and I've got a lot of other resources lined up to also be a part of the support team. It's GUARANTEED, because if you take the CHALLENGE for 30 days and feel like it's not working for you, I'll refund your entire amount, and you can keep everything you've gotten to that point. I'm taking the entire risk to make sure it helps your business, but it is Saipan and the community that is at risk if we don't do everything in our power to turn the situation around.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fight the return to Stone Age!

I am so happy that the Chamber of Commerce has stepped forward to take a stand on this important zoning issue. It proves to me that the Chamber has the guts to stand up. We need organizations with a strong backbone to help the CNMI. A "culture of fear" has been established in the CNMI by the "bullies" on Capital Hill and it takes people like you, Herminia, to take on the fight for better government.

Now on the Zoning issue, you have the support of the Chamber of Commerce, congratulations! The people of the CNMI need to unite to fight legislation like this that would put us back into the Stone Age.

Frank Stewart

Capital Hill, Saipan

Sorry

Dear Kagman High School students: I am writing you this letter to apologize to you for my mistake, the issuance of a bad check. I realize and understand that what I have done was wrong and it brought shame to me and my family. I did not mean to do this but I was protecting others employed under me because I thought then that they were close family and friends. My mistake caused me to experience difficulties and hardship in my life and those that I care for. I have learned from this and will work harder to be a better person and move on with my life. Again, I apologize for my wrongdoing.

Doreen M. Tudela

Dandan, Saipan

Take your vacation! You've earned it

ou work too hard. You deserve a vacation. Summer used to signal that it was time for your twoweek family trip. But those days are just about gone. We Americans are working more than anyone else, which leaves little time for the old-fashioned vacation.

In this, we do not compare well with other industrialized countries. According to the World Tourism Organization, Italy grants the most vacation days, with each worker having an average of 42 paid days off. France is second with 37 days, followed by Germany with 35, Brazil with 34, the United Kingdom at 28, Canada with 26 and South Korea and Japan with 25.

The United States was nearly dead last with an average worker receiving only 13 days off. And unlike in Europe, where overwhelming numbers of people use up their vacation time, only 57 percent of Americans take the days off that they've earned.

And Americans are working the most in the industrialized world. According to the International Labor Organization, "Americans work 137 more hours per year than Japanese workers, 260 more hours per year than British workers, and 499 more hours per year than French workers.

To make things worse, Americans have little to show for their hard work and high productivity. The United States has the largest income inequality of rich nations, which means that ordinary people By DAVID A. LOVE The Progressive Media Project

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are struggling more just to make ends meet and keep their heads above water. No wonder that job-induced stress is on the rise.

More people want to travel this year than at any time since the start of the Great Recession. Six in 10 people said that taking a vacation this year is important, according to a new Gallup poll. Despite high gas prices and airfare, high unemployment and an uncertain economy, many people still want to travel.

However, 29 percent are planning less travel than last year due to high fuel costs, 22 percent of Americans will opt for a "staycation" and only 20 percent are planning to travel more, the poll said.

My advice: Take the vacation days you've earned, and spend them. You could use the break.

ISSUES

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a retreat in order to discuss topics in depth.

■ Board members do not appear to receive the information that will assist them in making unified, strategic decisions in support of the institution and the Commonwealth.

The board's most important function is to ensure strategic direction for the institution. In the strategic planning process, boards need to contribute to the envisioning and prioritizing of the plan with their ideas, ensure full participation in the process, as well as a final approval of the plan. If you look at the membership of the committee undertaking this task on May 17, you will see that the board is not represented. The make-up of the committee is also suspect because it does not lead to an understanding of the role of the different stakeholders. For example, the wife of the director of Institutional Effectiveness overseeing the process was chosen to represent SOE without input from the SOE faculty or director—the every people she is representing. What is even more unacceptable is that there is not a single student or public representative on the current Strategic Planning Task Force. An environmental scan, which could help establish the context and avoid problems, was not undertaken. With respect to making unified decisions, just as the board chair and president need to adhere to the doctrine of "no surprise," the board always displays a unified voice, thus portraying a strong and unified group. Board meetings should be more about formalizing decisions and informing the public than internal debate on issues.

To be continued tomorrow.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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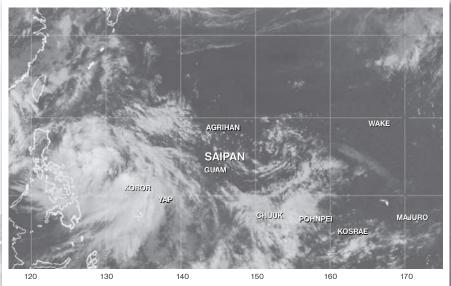
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FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota			,	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
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FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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FRF 109	9.10	9.20	Daily	FRF 126	18.20	19.00	Daily

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The tropical depression northwest of Palau has recently been upgraded to Tropical Storm 07W, formerly invest area 99W, and is centered near 14N128E. A monsoon trough extends east-southeastward to end near 9N140E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of a line from 12N139E to 8N140E to 2N133E. Scattered showers are found farther north within an area bounded by a line from 20N130E to 13N140E to 12N130E back to 20N130E. For more information on ts 07W, see Tropical Cyclone Warning Bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. Divergence south of an upper-level low centered well northwest of the Marianas near 22N137E is producing scattered showers and thunderstorms between 18N and 23N from 132E to 141E. Another upper-level low is centered northeast of the Marianas near 15N152E. Isolated thunderstorms are present over the far Northern Marianas within 80 miles of a line from 18N145E to 14N151E.

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Business

Cigarettes will carry grisly new warning labels

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Rotting teeth and gums. Diseased lungs. A sewn-up corpse of a smoker. Cigarette smoke coming out of the tracheotomy hole in a man's neck. Cigarette packs in the U.S. will have to carry these macabre images in nine new warning labels that are part of a campaign by the Food and Drug Administration to use fear and disgust to discourage Americans from lighting up.

The labels, announced on Tuesday, represent the biggest change in cigarette packs in the U.S. in 25 years.

At a time when the drop in the nation's smoking rate has come to a standstill, the government is hoping the in-your-face labels will go further than the current surgeon general warnings toward curbing tobacco use, which is responsible for about 443,000 deaths a year in the U.S.

"These labels are frank, honest and powerful depictions of the health risks of smoking," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in a statement.

The FDA estimates the labels will cut the number of smokers by 213,000 in 2013, with smaller additional reductions through 2031.

Other countries such as Canada and Uruguay have used graphic, even grisly, warnings for years, and various studies suggest they spur people to quit. But exactly how effective they are is a matter of debate, since the warnings are usually accompanied by other government efforts to stamp out smoking.

"I think it's a great deterrent for kids," said Kristen Polland, 24, of Prattville, Ala. "If you start there, you have won half of the battle.'

Rhonda Vanover, 43, of Cincinnati, on the other hand, said: "No one is going to stop me—unless they make it illegal. Cigarettes get me through the day. They are part of my life."

The labels also include images of a smoker wearing an oxygen mask and a mother and baby with smoke swirling nearby. Some images are not graphic at all: one shows a man wearing an "I Quit" T-shirt.

The warnings will take up the entire top half-both front and back—of a pack of cigarettes. They must also appear in advertisements and constitute 20 percent of each ad. Cigarette makers will have to run all nine labels on a rotating basis. They have until the fall of 2012 to comply.

The legality of the new labels last November.

is already being challenged in a federal lawsuit bought by some of the major tobacco companies, which argue that the warnings will relegate the brand name to the bottom half of the cigarette package, making it difficult or impossible to see.

A spokesman for Richmondbased Altria Group Inc., parent company of the nation's largest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, said the company was looking at the final labels and had no further comment. Altria Group is not a party in the federal lawsuit.

A pack-a-day smoker would see the graphic warnings more than 7,000 times per year.

American Cancer Society CEO John R. Seffrin said the labels have the potential to "encourage adults to give up their deadly addiction to cigarettes and deter children from starting in the first place."

The introduction of graphic warning labels was required in a 2009 law that, for the first time, gave the federal government authority to regulate tobacco. Tuesday's announcement follows reviews of scientific literature, public comments and results from an FDA-contracted study of 36 labels proposed

How cool does smoking look now?

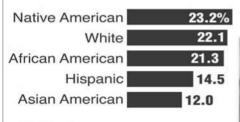
Beginning September 2012, U.S. cigarette packages will have dramatic, eye-catching ads warning against the dangers of smoking.

Striking images

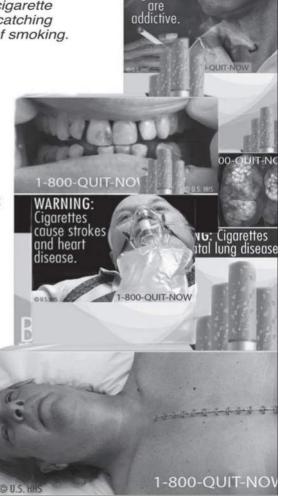
- · The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has chosen nine images (see examples at right) for the warnings
- One of the images must appear on the top 50 percent of the front and rear of the cigarette box
- One must also appear on at least the top 20 percent of any ad for tobacco products

Lighting up

 About 21 percent of U.S. adults (46.6 million) smoked in 2009; smokers by race, ethnic group



Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Graphic: Pat Carr



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Cigarettes

GAO: Leaks at aging nuke sites difficult to detect

By JEFF DONN and JUSTIN PRITCHARD

ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. nuclear power plant operators haven't figured out how to quickly detect leaks of radioactive water from aging pipes that snake underneath the sites— and the leaks, often undetected for years, are not going to stop, according to a new report by congressional investigators.

The report by the Government Accountability Office was released by two congressmen Tuesday in response to an Associated Press investigation that shows three-quarters of America's 65 nuclear plant sites have leaked radioactive tritium, sometimes into groundwater.

Separately, two senators asked the GAO, the auditing and watchdog arm of Congress,

to investigate the findings of the ongoing AP series Aging Nukes, which concludes that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the nuclear power industry have worked closely to keep old reactors operating within safety standards by weakening them, or not enforcing the rules.

A third senator, independent Bernie Sanders of Vermont, said the AP series has raised disturbing allegations about safety at aging plants and reiterated his demand that the Vermont Yankee plant be shut.

In the report released Tuesday by Democratic Reps. Edward J. Markey of Massachusetts and Peter Welch of Vermont, the GAO concluded that while a voluntary initiative that industry recently adopted is supposed to identify leaks, the U.S. Nuclear

Regulatory Commission doesn't know how fast problems are detected.

"Absent such an assessment, we continue to believe that NRC has no assurance that the Groundwater Protection Initiative will lead to prompt detection of underground piping system leaks as nuclear power plants age," the report's authors concluded.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sources: Hulu mulls putting itself up for sale

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Online video service Hulu is exploring putting itself up for sale after receiving an unsolicited takeover offer, people familiar with the matter said Tuesday. The offer was large enough to make Hulu's board review the deal and consider seeking other potential buvers, said the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions are confidential. They would not disclose the amount of the offer nor the bidder. Hulu has become one of the biggest purveyors of television shows and movies on the Internet through its free site and via an \$8-per-month

subscription plan that gives users a deeper library of shows from ABC, Fox and NBC.

Oil falls below \$94 after mixed US supply report

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices fell to below \$94 a barrel Wednesday in Asia after a crude supply report reflected mixed signs about U.S. demand. Benchmark oil for August delivery was down 53 cents to \$93.64 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 54 cents to settle at \$94.17 on Tuesday. In London, Brent crude for August delivery was up 26 cents to \$111.21 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Fed still faces challenges keeping economy growing

WASHINGTON (AP)—We may be into the second year of the economic recovery, but Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are that growth should rebound in er heavily indebted European still facing plenty of challenges as they try to keep a fragile expansion on track.

A host of economic indicators have slowed in recent weeks and a sharp spike in gasoline prices earlier this year has made consumers and businesses more cautious about spending. The

central bank, wrapping up a two-day meeting on Wednesday, is expected to acknowledge the second half of the year.

In a speech earlier this month, Bernanke maintained that the slowdown is temporary and said the economy should pick up later this year as the impact of high gas prices and supply disruptions caused by the March earthquake and tsunami

in Japan abate. However, the Fed is now confronting renewed jitters that a debt crisis the recent soft patch but insist in Greece could spread to othnations and send shockwaves through U.S. and global financial markets.

On Wednesday the Fed is expected stay the course, keeping interest rates unchanged and declaring that it will end on schedule a \$600 billion Treasury bond purchase program at the end of

this month. The central bank also is expected to repeat a pledge to maintain its current level of securities holdings, which stand at a record \$2.6 trillion. The belief is that this sizable stockpile will keep interest rates from rising even though the Fed is not adding to its holdings.

Many private economists believe it will be another full year before the economy has recovered enough for the Fed to actually start raising interest rates.

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In U.S. dollar	Chinese Yuan	6.4640
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Hong Kong Dollar	7.7890
Indian Rupee	44.8050
Indonesian Rupiah	8,582.50
Japanese Yen	80.2350
Malaysian Ringgit	3.0254
New Zealand Dollar	1.2287

Philippine Peso	43.3795
Singapore Dollar	1.2312
South Korean Won	1,073.745
Swiss Franc	0.8419
Taiwan Dollar	28.8440
Thailand Baht	30.47

Nation

Obama likely to cut 10K troops from Afghanistan

ing a war-weary public, President Barack Obama is expected to call for a major withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan Wednesday night, with roughly 10,000 coming home to the U.S. in less than a year.

The phased drawdown is likely to start with 5,000 troops recalled this summer and an additional 5,000 by winter or spring 2012, according to a senior U.S. defense official. Obama is also weighing a timetable for bringing home the 20,000 other troops he ordered to Afghanistan as part of his December 2009 decision to send reinforcements to reverse the Taliban's battlefield momentum.

The withdrawals would put the U.S. on a path toward giving Afghans control of their security by 2014 and ultimately shifting the U.S. military from a combat role to a mission focused on training and supporting Afghan forces. Obama is to address the nation from the White House at 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday.

The president reached his decision a week after receiving a range of options from Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan. Obama informed his senior national security ad-



An Army carry team carries the transfer cases containing the remains of Army Spc. Scott D. Smith of Indianapolis, Ind., upon arrival at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

visers, including outgoing Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, of his plans during a White House meeting on Tuesday.

"The president is commander-in-chief," said spokesman Jay Carney. "He is in charge of this process, and he makes the decision."

The Obama administration

has said its goal in continuing the Afghan war, now in its 10th year, is to blunt the Taliban insurgency and dismantle and defeat al-Qaida, the terror network that used Afghanistan as a training ground for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. As of Tuesday, at least 1,522 members of the U.S. military had died in Afghanistan as a result of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan

Associated Press count.

Roughly 100,000 U.S. troops are in the country, three times as many as when Obama took office. Even by drawing down the 30,000 surge forces, there will still be great uncertainty about how long the remaining 70,000 troops would stay there, although the U.S. and its allies have set Dec. 31, 2014, as a target date for ending the combat mission in Afghanistan.

A reduction this year totaling 10,000 troops would be the rough equivalent of two brigades, which are the main building blocks of an Army division. It's not clear whether Obama's decision would require the Pentagon to pull out two full brigades or, instead, a collection of smaller combat and support units with an equivalent number of troops.

If Obama were to leave the bulk of the 30,000 surge contingent in Afghanistan through 2012, he would be giving the military another fighting season—in addition to the one now under way—to further damage Taliban forces before a larger withdrawal got started. It also would buy more time for the Afghan army and police to grow in numbers and capability.

Kerry, McCain push Libya resolution WASHINGTON (AP)—Two It also would prohibit American publicans would weigh the two that Obama is in violation of

top senators on Tuesday unveiled a resolution giving President Barack Obama limited authority in the 3-month-old war against Libya, warning that the drastic step of cutting off funds for the military operation would be a lifeline to a weakened Moammar Gadhafi.

Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry, D-Mass., and John McCain of Arizona, the leading Republican on the Armed Services Committee, introduced the bipartisan resolution that would allow the mission to continue but would impose a one-year limit on the NATO-led operation, a period McCain said is "more than enough time to finish the job."

ground forces in Libya.

The measure is a clear counter to efforts in the House to prohibit spending and effectively end the operation, a reflection of the growing Republican and Democratic anger toward Obama and his treatment of Congress.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said late Tuesday that the Republican rank and file would consider two possible resolutions—one mirroring the Senate measure by Kerry and McCain and another to remove U.S. forces from Libya except those involved in search and rescue, aerial refueling, intelligence and surveillance and noncombat missions. The Reat a meeting Wednesday.

"We have no desire to damage the NATO alliance, which has been a strong force for peace and stability in Europe and around the world," Boehner said in a statement. "We know that soldiers, sailors and airmen from our allies have fought by our side for decades, most recently in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we honor their service. Still, the White House must not ignore its obligations to the American people and the laws of this country."

The commander in chief did not seek congressional consent when he launched air strikes against Gadhafi's forces on March 19. Lawmakers argue

the 1973 War Powers Resolution, which requires approval of the legislative branch within 60 days, with a 30-day extension. That deadline has passed.

The White House, in a report to Congress last week, said the limited U.S. role in the operation did not amount to hostilities and did not require congressional authorization, an argument that further inflamed lawmakers.

"It is clear that the Obama administration's claim that targeted bombings, missile strikes and other military actions in Libva do not constitute 'hostilities' under the War Powers Resolution is not credible," Boehner said.

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SACRAMENTO,

officials: Wildfires will blaze until rain season

PHOENIX (AP)—The wildfires sizzling through dried-out forests and grasslands across the Southwest are a bad omen in a fire season that is expected to continue for weeks until nature provides relief in the form of seasonal rains.

Fire officials are working to contain existing blazes even as they brace for new threats, setting up a dangerous and frustrating summer. But authorities don't expect to be stressed beyond their limits.

While much of the South and Southwest has received less

winter precipitation than normal, the rain and snow farther north has led to huge snowpack in the Sierra Nevada range in California and in the Rockies.

The wildfire outlook issued by the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, calls for above-normal fire potential in the Southwest through September, but normal or milder than normal fire conditions across the rest of the West.

Millions of acres across Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas have been scorched in recent weeks.

And firefighters are battling tinder boxes in east Texas and north Florida, as well—officials blame fires in those states for at least six deaths this year, including two forest rangers killed Monday near the Florida-Georgia state line.

Rains are expected to reduce the fire danger in Florida this week, but seasonal storms that normally stop the threat in the Southwest aren't expected to come until mid-July at the soonest. Officials say that means the three large fires now churning across Arizona's forestlands

will not be the last.

Forestry officials say the state has seen one of its most dangerous fire seasons in years, with more than 1,500 fires burning 1,300 square miles so far. That total far exceeds 2010, when just 132 square miles burned across the state.

As thousands of firefighters are battling that blaze and the two others in Arizona, hundreds more have been stationed around the state for quick response to prevent any new threats from growing out of control.

ACROSS THE NATION

Utah man updated Facebook status during standoff

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)-Jason Valdez is no stranger to Utah police. His latest brush with the law, however, may have been the most public. An armed Valdez, 36, held a woman hostage at a motel in a tense 16-hour, overnight standoff with SWAT teams, all while finding time to keep his family and friends updated on Facebook, authorities said. He even got some help from the outside over the social network: A friend posted that a SWAT officer was hiding in the bushes. "Thank you homie," Valdez replied. "Good looking out."

Calif. mom arrested

(AP)-Sacramento police arrested a 29-year-old mother Tuesday after an investigation found her baby likely died from burns suffered in a microwave oven. Ka Yang was being held without bail in Sacramento County Jail on suspicion of murder and assault resulting in the death of a child. She was arrested three months after her otherwise healthy 6-week-old daughter, Mirabelle Thao-Lo, was found dead in the family home on March 17. Police de-

"extensive thermal injuries." Officer Laura Peck said the arrest took so long because investigators had to pinpoint what they believe is the cause of death by looking for other cases involving similar inju-

Giffords has memoir deal, Kelly retires from NASA

NEW YORK (AP)—Together and apart, the lives of Gabrielle Giffords and husband-astronaut Mark Kelly have been extraordinary. She the congresswoman from Arizona who has miraculously survived being shot in the head. He the commander of the space shuttle Endeavour, exchanging wedding rings with his wife before his final mission in space. Now, he is retiring to be with her full time and the two are collaborating on a memoir that will tell a story, their story, that Kelly says the public hardly knows. The book, currently untitled, will be an intimate chronicle of everything from their careers and courtship to the Jan. 8 tragedy when a gunman shot Giffords during a political event in Tucson, Ariz. Six people were killed in the attack and 12 others besides the congresswoman were wounded. Scribner will publish the book at a date scribed the child as suffering to be determined.

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Asia

Vietnam, China hold joint naval patrol amid spat

Vietnam and China have concluded two days of joint naval patrols, including a port call in China, despite a heated dispute over claims in the South China Sea, state media said Tuesday.

Two boats from each country participated in the patrols Sunday and Monday, sailing more than 300 nautical miles in the Gulf of Tonkin bordering Vietnam and China, Vietnam's People's Army Newspaper said. A demarcation treaty for the area was signed in 2000.

"Respecting the signed agreements is one of the factors that will promote the friendly and neighborly relations between two countries and ensure sustainable stability and security at sea," it quoted Col. Nguyen Van Kiem, deputy chief of staff of Vietnam's navy, as saying. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei did not comment on the joint patrol at a regular news conference Tuesday. He reiterated Beijing's sovereignty over the South China Sea, but said it would work toward a peaceful resolution to the territorial dispute.

The joint patrol was the 11th since 2005 between the neighboring Communist countries, but it was unclear how long it had been planned or whether it signaled any cooling of tempers. Relations between the two have plummeted in recent weeks as they have traded diplomatic punches over run-ins involv-



A Vietnamese protester, holding a T-shirt with national flag printed on, shouts slogans during a rally against China in Hanoi, Vietnam, Sunday June 19,2011

Flashpoint

A centuries-old dispute over territory in the South China Sea has heated up; Vietnam recently staged live-fire naval drills after weeks of tension with China over the area.

Behind the argument

- · Two island chains, the Paracels and the Spratlys, and many atolls, sandbars and reefs are claimed in whole or in part by China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei
- · In 1947, China issued a map showing the islands within its territory (shown on map); Vietnam disputes the map; the other countries lay claim to territory within the 200-mile exclusion zone
- · The involved countries are keen on the area because it contains oil and gas reserves and minerals and is one of the region's main shipping lanes and fishing

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Poll: Most Pakistanis think bin Laden's death bad

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistanis largely disapprove of the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden, with a majority believing the al-Qaida chief's death is a bad thing and relations between Washington and Islamabad will suffer as a result, new polling data show.

The findings of two Pew Research Center surveys reflect widespread anti-Americanism in a country where many view the U.S. as the main reason for rising Islamist violence that has killed thousands, even as many of the same Pakistanis hold the

militants behind such attacks in low regard.

The survey results also show a deep pessimism among Pakistanis about the future of their nation and the caliber of their leaders. Roughly nine in 10 Pakistanis say they are dissatisfied with the direction the country is heading.

U.S. Navy SEALs killed bin Laden on May 2 in the northwest Pakistani garrison city of Abbottabad. The unilateral raid outraged Pakistani leaders, who called it a violation of their country's sovereignty while

insisting they had no idea bin Laden was hiding on their soil.

Ordinary Pakistanis also were stunned by their military's seeming impotence during the incident, though the Pew surveys show that the army remains widely popular, or at least more popular than the country's civilian leadership.

The surveys were part of the Pew Center's Global Attitudes Project. The first was conducted from April 10-26 among 1,970 Pakistanis. The second was taken May 8-15 among 1,251 Pakistanis and was nearly identical to April's poll except that it also included questions about bin Laden.

Because of security issues, not all regions of Pakistan could be reached, but both surveys cover around 85 percent of the Pakistani population. The margin of sampling error for the April survey is 3 percentage points, while it is 4 percentage points for the May survey.

The May survey found that 63 percent of Pakistanis disapproved of the bin Laden raid, while 10 percent approved and 27 percent gave no opinion.

China Sea claimed by both.

"The South China Sea has led to a souring of political relations but has not vet spilled over to affect the broad and deep nature of Sino-Vietnam relations," Carlyle Thayer, a Vietnam expert at the Australian Defense Force Academy in Canberra, said in an email. "The holding of the exercises is a good sign."

Last week, Vietnam held live-fire naval drills off its U.S. involvement in helpcentral coast and issued an order outlining who would be exempt from a military draft during wartime. China announced a few days later that it also recently held similar maneuvers in the South China Sea without providing exact dates.

On Tuesday, a newspaper published by China's ruling Communist Party ran a scathto back off.

"If Vietnam wishes to create a war in the South China Sea, China will resolutely keep them company," the Global Times said. "China has the absolute might to crush the naval fleets sent from Vietnam. China will show no mercy to its rival due to 'global impact' concerns."

China has been upset with Vietnam's welcoming of ing resolve disputes in the South China Sea that Beijing believes should be settled bilaterally. The editorial said any attack on Vietnam would likely not lead to a direct conflict with the U.S., but that "even if some friction occurs, that is no reason for China to put up with Vietnam's unlimited vice in the South China Sea."

Philippine massacre trial to be on live webcast

MANILA, (AP)—The Philippine Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered a live video webcast of the trial of members of a political clan accused in the massacre of 57 people, including 31 journalists.

It is the first time the tribunal has allowed real-time coverage of court proceedings via the Internet, and the trial to be broadcast involves the November 2009 massacre that is the worst act of political violence in a country inured to bloodshed.

Chief Justice Renato Corona's order comes after the court last week gave permission for live radio and television broadcast of the trial.

"With this, the Maguindanao massacre trial will be accessible to viewers worldwide, continuously and without interruption," a court statement said.

The powerful Ampatuan clan patriarch and former southern Maguindanao provincial Gov. Andal Ampatuan Sr. and several of his sons are among the 196 people

Philippines accused of killing members of a rival clan and journalists traveling in a convoy in November 2009.

Of the total, 92 suspects are in custody and 58 have been arraigned. The principal suspect, former town Mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr., is accused of leading about 150 gunmen with his father's approval in mowing down the victims. Andal Jr. and his father have pleaded not guilty.

The trial is held twice weekly in a maximum-security detention facility inside a police camp where video, pictures and taping have been previously banned. The prosecution has been presenting evidence and witnesses

One witness, Ampatuan's servant, Lakmudin Saliao, has testified that six days before the killings, the patriarch asked his family over dinner how they could stop rival Esmael Mangudadatu from running for governor.

According to Saliao, Andal Jr. said "If they come here, just kill them all." His father allegedly agreed.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Report: China plans aircraft carrier test in July

BEIJING (AP)—China is planning an initial sea trial of its first aircraft carrier next month, a Hong Kong newspaper said Tuesday, a move likely to further worry neighbors amid heightened tensions over territorial disputes. Some form of limited testing of the

ship is planned to coincide with celebrations of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party on July 1, the Hong Kong Commercial Daily said. The newspaper reported earlier this month that a top general, Chen Bingde, told it that the carrier was being outfitted, the highest-level confirmation by the secretive military

that work is under way. Chen refused to give a timetable for its completion.

Philippine troops capture 2 Abu Sayyaf suspects

MANILA, **Philippines** (AP)—Army special forces attacked an Abu Sayyaf jungle encampment Wednesday in the southern Philippines and cap-

tured two militants believed to be holding three Filipino hostages seized by the al-Qaidalinked group, military officials said. There was no sign of the three hostages at the encampment, which came under attack at dawn near Basilan Island's Sumisip town. Three other men taken into custody by the troops were identified by local officials as farmers roaming the hinterland and would be freed, army spokesman Maj. Harold Cabunoc said.

Bangladesh moves to retain Islam as state religion

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)— Bangladesh will retain Islam as the state religion in amendments the government is proposing to its constitution, a government minister said Tuesday. A former military ruler declared Islam the state religion in 1988 by amending the charter, but it barely affected Bangladesh's secular legal system mainly based on British common law. The government says the proposed changes won't affect the legal system. Inheritance and other family laws already are based on religion.

World

NIreland police face fresh riots in Belfast



A petrol bomb lands close to a police officer in East Belfast, Northern Ireland, Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

LONDON (AP)—Hundreds of rioters threw gasoline bombs and attacked police vans in east Belfast on Tuesday as sectarian violence flared up for a second night in Northern Ireland.

About 700 people gathered on the street in the Short Strand area and were causing "serious disorder," throwing fireworks, gasoline bombs and other missiles, police said, adding that there were reports two men had sustained burn injuries.

Journalists were warned away from the area after a press photographer was reportedly shot in the leg during the violence.

Roads in the area were closed and police were working to restore order. British broadcasters showed video in which groups of hooded and masked men pelted each other with stones and missiles, and many attacked police vans.

The BBC said large numbers

of police were on standby with water cannons.

Violence first flared Monday night in Short Strand, a small Catholic community in a predominantly Protestant area of Belfast. About 500 people were involved in the street riots, which began when masked teer Force—a paramilitary Protestant group—attacked homes with bricks, fireworks and smoke bombs, police said.

Shots were fired from both sides, though two bullet marks on a police car were blamed on the UVF, which claimed to have disarmed fully in 2009. Two men were being treated for gunshot wounds to the leg, police said.

Catholic leaders said the violence was unprovoked, but Protestant leaders said the Protestant mob appeared to be retaliating for smaller-scale attacks by Short Strand youths on Protestant homes the night before.

Northern Ireland First Minis-

the riot, which came as a separate bomb attack from dissident republicans targeted police in west Belfast early Tuesday.

The area affected by the rioting was one of more than 30 parts of Belfast where high barricades separate Irish Catholic and British Protestant turf. Such barricades, called "peace lines" locally, have grown in number and size, despite the success of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord.

Sectarian tensions typically flare in the build-up to July 12, a divisive holiday when tens of thousands of Protestants from the Orange Order brotherhood march across Northern Ireland.

Greek PM survives confidence vote in parliament

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—The Greek prime minister survived a crucial confidence vote early Wednesday, keeping alive a government dedicated to averting a debt default that could spark a financial maelstrom around the world.

Lawmakers voted 155 to 143 along party lines to back George Papandreou, who now faces a critical vote next week on a massive austerity package that Greece's international creditors have said must pass by the end of June.

He is seeking euro28 billion (\$40.24 billion) in budget cuts and new taxes and euro50 billion worth of privatization of public assets. Unless the new measures pass, Greece will not receive the next batch of bailout funds, worth euro12 billion, and will face a disastrous default in July, when it runs out of money.

A default by Greece could drag down Greek and European banks and renew fears over the finances of other eurozone countries such as Portugal, Ireland and Spain.

Papandreou must still convince all lawmakers of his Socialist party to support the austerity bill, which has provoked strikes, riots and a slump in his nonularity While all 155 Socialists voted in favor in the con-

fidence motion, several have publicly criticized the austerity measures and at least one has said he will not back them.

After the vote, riot police fired tear gas and stun grenades to push back a group of about 200 protesters who had broken off from a main rally of several thousand to throw bottles and other objects at the police lines guarding Parliament.

"We will do everything in our power to end the state of insecurity face Greek families and exit this crisis in a safe way. We have a plan, we have prospects," Papandreou said during a debate before his victory. "Regardless of the panic caused by some, we are on an organized course, helped by the international community with massive loans— the largest every given in the history of our planet."

Papandreou's government came to the brink of collapse last week as protesters rioted on the streets of Athens, two party rebels resigned their parliamentary seats and talks with the opposition conservatives over forming a pro-austerity coalition government fell apart. In response, he reshuffled his cabinet, replaced his increasingly unpopular finance minister with a party heavyweight—his main internal rival—and called for the confidence vote.

Mexico nabs leader of cult-like La Familia cartel

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Federal authorities apprehended the leader of the cult-like, pseudo-Christian La Familia cartel on Tuesday, saying they had dealt a debilitating blow to a major organized crime group that terrorized western Mexico.

Jose de Jesus Mendez Vargas, alias El Chango, or "The Monkey," was arrested in the central state of Aguascalientes without confrontation or casualties, said federal security spokesman Alejandro Poire.

"With this arrest, what remained of the structure of this criminal organization has been destroyed," Poire told a news conference.

ia's founder and leader Nazario prompting him to deploy thou-

Moreno Gonzalez in December, Poire said Mendez was "the last remaining head of a criminal group responsible for homicides, kidnappings, extortion, corruption and even cowardly

attacks on the authorities and the civilian population."

But the leadership of a violent splinter group, known as the Knights Templar, remains at large.

President Felipe Calderon personally

lauded the arrest on his Twitter account, calling it a "big blow" to organized crime. The cartel was born in Calderon's home With the death of La Famil-state of Michoacan in 2006,



Mendez

sands of federal police there and warning that La Familia was corrupting local officials, extorting businesses and terrorizing the population.

According to the reward state-

ment issued by the Attorney General's Office, Mendez was "responsible for the transfer and sale of cocaine, marijuana, crystal methamphetamine in various states of Mexico and the United States

of America. He is the alleged mastermind of kidnappings and killings, mainly of members of other criminal organizations."

fered a \$2.5 million reward and local officials."

for his capture.

La Familia first appeared four years when it rolled five severed heads into a Michoacan nightclub, vowing to protect local citizens from rival cartels.

Moreno—the group's founder-set a code of conduct for its members that prohibited the use of hard drugs or dealing them within Mexican territory, even as they gruesomely decapitated foes and sold cocaine and methamphetamine by the ton.

"They believe they are doing God's work, and pass out Bibles and money to the poor," according to a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration profile. "La Familia Michoacana The government had of- also gives money to school

WORLD BRIEFS

Ban Ki-moon gets second term as UN chief

UNITED NATIONS (AP)— The U.N. General Assembly voted unanimously to give Ban Ki-moon a second term as secretary-general Tuesday, praising him for strengthening the world body's role and visibility in difficult circumstances. The 192-member assembly applauded loudly as it adopted a resolution giving the 67-yearold South Korean diplomat an-

other five years at the helm of the U.N. Assembly President Joseph Deiss banged his gavel and proclaimed Ban's selection by acclamation to a new term starting Jan. 1. Ban announced earlier this month that he wanted a second term. He faced no opposition and was recommended by the Security Council for the new term last Friday. All regional groups at the U.N. endorsed him, and their chairs joined in sponsoring the Assembly resolution.

Haiti's parliament reiects leader's pick for PM

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Haitian lawmakers on Tuesday rejected President Michel Martelly's choice for the next prime minister of Haiti, plunging the chronically troubled country into political uncertainty as a new government struggles to get

its footing. The rejection of Daniel-Gerard Rouzier as Haiti's No. 2 official marks a major setback for Martelly a month after he took office and assumed the responsibility of leading Haiti's reconstruction efforts in the wake of last year's devastating earthquake. After several weeks of studying Rouzier's paperwork and credentials, 42 lawmakers in the lower-level Chamber of Deputies voted against Mar- ro captured Kenneth Andrew

telly's pick of prime minister while only 19 voted in favor. Three deputies abstained.

Brazil: American wanted for sex crimes captured

SAO PAULO (AP)—An American on the U.S. Marshals' list of most-wanted sex offenders was captured in Brazil on Tuesday, authorities said. Officers in Rio de Janei-

Craig, said a spokesman for Brazil's federal police. The U.S. Embassy confirmed the arrest. Craig, 42, was wanted for charges of sexual assault against two boys in Florida in 1998 and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. He was also wanted by the international police agency Interpol, which said on its website that Craig had previously worked as a pastor, teacher and real estate agent in the U.S.

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Focus



early 35 years after ending the country's most active post-war sterilization program, North Carolina is the only state trying to make amends to thousands of people who cannot have children because of eugenics-inspired theories about social improvement.

This week, victims and their relatives will tell their stories to a state task force considering compensation to victims of sterilizations that continued into 1974. Roughly 85 percent of victims were women or girls, some as young as 10. North Carolina has more victims living than any other state because a majority was sterilized after World War II, said Charmaine Fuller Cooper, director of the state Justice for Sterilization Victims Foundation.

Eugenics programs gained popularity in the U.S. and other countries in the early 1900s, but most abandoned those efforts after World War II because of the association with Nazi Germany's program aimed at racial purity. However, North Carolina's expanded, with sterilizations peaking in the 1950s and early 1960s. About 70 percent of the state's 7,600 sterilizations occurred after the war, state figures show.

Overt rationalization for the programs ranged from protecting the potential offspring of mentally disabled parents to improving the overall health and intellectual competence of the human race. Before the atrocities of World War II, it was seen by many—both blacks and whites—as a legitimate effort to improve society.

"Sterilization was always a costcutting measure," said Paul Lombardo, a professor at Georgia State University's College of Law. "The argument was, anybody who generates social costs shouldn't be allowed to have children."



In this June 16, 2011 photo, Delores Marks holds a photograph of her mother, Margaret Helen Cheek, far left, at her home in Durham, N.C. $\,$

In 1968, Elaine Riddick was like many others who were sterilized: poor, black and female.

Now living in Atlanta, Riddick plans to drive to Raleigh next week to tell the task force about her sterilization at age 14 following a rape. She said her grandmother gave the state permission for the procedure.

"My grandmother was worried about me. I didn't blame her," Riddick said.

Yet she said it was a traumatic experience that led to years of depression and physical problems. Riddick wants financial compensation from the state to pay for doctor bills and medicine.

Researchers estimate more than 60,000 people nationwide were steril-

ized during the 20th century as part of government programs. Even in states without sterilization laws, the procedures still occurred on local or informal levels. That means the real number could be 100,000 or higher, Lombardo

Among the 33 states with eugenics programs, North Carolina's was unique. The state had the most open-ended law in the country, allowing doctors and social workers to refer people living at home to the state Eugenics Board for possible sterilization. In every other state, Lombardo said, people had to be either institutionalized or jailed before they could be sterilized.

According to research done by University of Vermont professor Lutz Kael-

ber, North Carolina averaged about 300 sterilizations per year between 1950 and 1963.

It's not totally clear why support for sterilizations remained strong in North Carolina as it declined in nearly every other state.

The most obvious explanation is the influence of the Winston-Salem-based Human Betterment League, Fuller Cooper said. The nonprofit group aimed at social reform folded in 1988, but at its peak its members had the passion and financial backing needed to shape public policy, she said.

The North Carolina branch was organized by several wealthy and prominent citizens, including textile magnate James Hanes and tobacco czar R.J. Reynolds. The group's members drummed up support for sterilization through direct mail campaigns and other methods.

A league brochure from 1950 states: "You wouldn't give a responsible position to a person of little intelligence. Yet each day the feebleminded and the mentally defective are entrusted with the most important and far reaching job of all—the job of parenthood."

The Department of Social Services even established a psychology division to test individuals referred by social workers. Many received benefits such as special education or occupational training. Some with mental disabilities, mental illness or even epilepsy were deemed unfit to become parents.

"This wasn't just a bunch of evil people running around. Many of these people really wanted to alleviate suffering," Lombardo said.

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Mary Kilburn, a retired psychologist who worked for the state Social Services Department from 1969 to 1980, said she and her co-workers believed "we were doing a really helpful thing."

She said it has been a shock to see their

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work vilified because so many families welcomed the procedure at the time.

Now in her mid-70s, Kilburn said she testified before the Eugenics Board twice in her career. In both cases, she said, parents had asked the state to perform sterilizations to protect daughters whose intelligence test scores were in the 30- to 40-point range, less than half of what was considered average.

"I looked at it not as something being done to them, but something being done for them," Kilburn said.

The experience of Delores Marks' mother was typical. A black woman with four children living on a farm near Goldsboro, she was sent to a psychiatric hospital in 1953 after showing signs of what Marks thinks was probably postpartum depression. After a few months at the hospital, she returned home to her family, having been sterilized.

"My father couldn't write, yet his signature was on the paperwork," Marks said. "They even had my mother's signature, even though they said she couldn't understand what was happening to her."

Marks didn't find out the full details of the procedure until after her mother died, when she and her sisters got the medical records from the state.

Marks said it had a damaging impact on her mother that lasted the rest of her life.

"I really and truly believe it was mind-altering," she said. "First my grandparents and then my sisters and I had to take care of her in our homes."

That's why Marks believes relatives of sterilization victims also should be eligible for compensation.

"It's almost like we lived this with her, because once they released her, it became our responsibility," she said.

At least seven states have offered formal apologies for involuntary sterilizations, including North Carolina in 2001, when then-Gov. Mike Easley also appointed an initial task force to look into the issue. But only North Carolina has so far set up a process to compensate individual victims. And with the state legislature struggling to close a budget gap, questions of fairness may be pushed aside by simple economics.

There's widespread agreement that the roughly 2,944 living victims of state-sponsored sterilization should be given money or other types of assistance, but it remains to be determined whether the state's compensation will extend to family members or individuals sterilized by local health departments or private hospitals that were not part of the state program.

Environment

Conservation summer camp accepting applicants

The 2nd annual Ridge to Reef Rangers program, a weeklong educational summer camp, is accepting applicants from interested families and students.

Hosted by the National Park Service, American Memorial Park and the CNMI Coral Reef Initiative, the program aims to teach elementary students about the connections between land-based pollution and coral reef health. Students will learn about watershed health and the island's conservation areas through field trips led by resource experts and biologists.

The camp begins on July 25 and runs until July 29. Participants will be required to meet at American Memorial Park each day from 8am to 12pm. The camp is open to elementary school students entering the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Space is limited and will be filled on a firstcome, first-served basis. Priority will be given to new campers.



Students learn about watershed health and the island's conservation areas during a field trip to the Bird Island Sanctuary.

For registration forms and information, contact Lisa H. Eller. Division of Environmental Quality, at 664-8500 or lisaeller@deq.gov.mp.

Funding for the program is provided by the National Park Service, Pacific Historic Parks

and the National Oceanic At-

mospheric Administration's Coral Reef Conservation Program. **(PR)**



SHARK DEFENDER

Rep. Diego T. Benavente, third from right, is recognized as a "Shark Defender" by the Pew Environment Group Global Shark Conservation Campaign at the 30th APIL meeting in Palau. Last year Benavente introduced a bill to ban the sale, trade, and possession of shark fin, which was signed into law by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Jan. 27, 2011. Prior to receiving the award, Benavente addressed the APIL members on the importance of shark conservation and recounted how the CNMI bill was introduced at the urging of a fellow fisherman, then came to be embraced by the larger community. Pictured from left to right: Pew Ocean Commissioner Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Guam Sen. Rory Respicio, Global Shark Conservation director Matt Rand, Benavente, Global Shark Conservation senior associate Angelo O'Connor Villagomez,

First Friday Films presents A Sea Change

On July 1, A Sea Change will expose the truth about the other half of global warming—ocean acidification. Come watch this First Friday Films presentation at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center starting at 6:30pm. After the film, a representative from the CNMI Marine Monitoring Team will speak about the local stresses on our island's coral reefs as well as what our community can do to help reduce these stresses and increase the ability of our reefs to adapt to ocean acidification.

First Friday Films is a monthly environmental film series organized by the National Park Service and the Division of Environmental Quality.



The Pacific Historic Parks (formerly the Arizona Memorial Museum Association) Bookstore, located inside the visitor's center, will be open until 8:30pm. All proceeds go to community education programs.

As always, First Friday Films is free and open to the public. For planning purposes, the movie runs 1 hour and 23 minutes long; find more information about the film at www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com. Subscribe to the blog for regular updates on upcoming events. (PR)

A Sea Change exposes the other half of global warmingocean acidification. Photo shows a scene from the film.

New sunscreen regulations fall short monitor the safety of all sun-

Do you know how long it's been since the FDA took a hard look at the safety of sunscreens? Since the 1970's. That's why I was elated when the agency announced plans to crack down on sunscreen manufacturers. It didn't last long. Yes, the FDA is cracking down on claims made on the outside of the sunscreen bottle, but they aren't doing anything about a controversial chemical widely used inside.

No doubt, the sunscreen aisle is a confusing place to be. The claims about SPFs. Broad Spectrum protection, and antiaging benefits can be mind boggling. This is one place where the new FDA guidelines will certainly be helpful for consumers. Specifically, products labeled "Broad Spec-

screens, including those containing oxybenzone. If we become aware of safety data indicating that sunscreens are unsafe, we will take necessary action to ensure consumers have access only to safe and effective sun protection products."

Am I proposing you stop wearing sunscreen? Of course not. It's vitally important, but there are safer sunscreens that don't contain oxybenzone.

Your best bet is mineralbased sunscreens with zinc oxide and titanium dioxide. Together they provide excellent protection. Newer, chemically derived sunscreen ingredients are starting to appear on American shelves that are safe and offer stronger protection. They've been available in Europe for more than 20 years but the FDA hasn't approved them



Oxybenzone is an active ingredient used in many sunscreens. Oxybenzone easily converts to free radicals when illuminated, like by the sun.

trum" must meet the FDA's standards for protecting against both types of ultraviolet rays, UVA and UVB. Antiaging products will have to be "Broad Spectrum" with a SPF of at least 15 and terms like "waterproof" or "sunblock" can no longer be used. The sun protection factor will also be capped at SPF 50.

What isn't so sunny is the lack of regulation over a controversial sunscreen chemical—especially when there ensure that the sunscreen we are other choices.

Oxybenzone is an active ingredient used in many sunscreens. Oxybenzone easily converts to free radicals when illuminated, like by the sun. More alarming, the CDC recently found oxybenzone in the urine of 97 percent of Americans they tested proving it is absorbed by the skin. The concern is if it's absorbed into the skin and then exposed to sunlight it might become a free radical. Free radicals in our skin lead to everything from wrinkles to cancer.

I contacted the FDA with questions about whether the agency plans to reexamine the safety of oxybenzone. The response was, "We continue to yet for use in this country.

If you need help finding a better sunscreen, the Environmental Working Group has tested thousands of products and created an easy to use guide.

They also have a free app to compare brands while you're shopping. You can find these links in the Green Guide To Summer at DoYourPart.com/ Columns.

Ultimately, I'm disappointed that more isn't being done to slather on our bodies is the safest available. Until then, remember that sunscreen is actually our fourth line of defense.

Limiting sun exposure between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., wearing light colored, long sleeved clothing, and donning a wide brimmed hat will all help protect your skin. So Do Your Part and enjoy the summer sun while reducing your family's exposure to another controversial chemical.

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Life & Style

From whittling to knitting, how modern men craft

By JENNIFER FORKER FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crafts for men have come a long way since the days when "Popular Mechanics" advised returning World War II soldiers in the rustic arts of whittling and leather tooling.

A compendium from the magazine's postwar archives, "Man Crafts" (Hearst Books, 2009), celebrates male-geared hobbies of yesteryear. It reads like last year's cheeky book by Amy Sedaris, "Simple Times: Crafts for Poor People" (Grand Central Publishing).

"It's meant more as an amusement and a fond look back, more than anything else," says Jacqueline Deval, a Hearst Books vice president, although the instructions in "Man Crafts" are legitimate.

The book throws into contrast how different things are today. Some of its nostalgic hobbies remain popular among women and men, although there might no longer be a market for tincan candle holders and tin serv-

But a quick glance at Etsy. com, an online avenue where

people sell handmade goods and old-timey collectibles, also turns up men making soap, glass works and knitwear. Men designing T-shirts and other clothing. Men creating electrical gadgets and making art journals.

And men brewing beer. According to the American Homebrewers Association, based in Boulder, Colorado, nearly 750,000 people brew beer at home at least once a year in the United States.

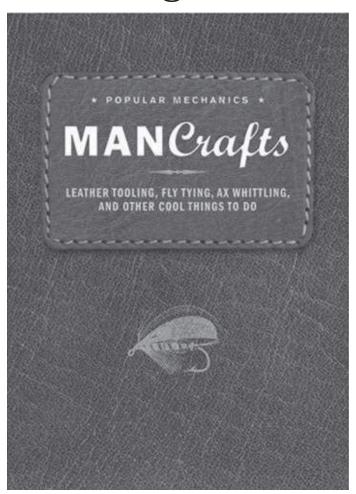
One of them is Mitch Larsen, of Lincoln, Nebraska, who likes the challenge of crafting a greattasting beer.

"It's science-y," says Larsen, 41. "There's a lot that goes into making good beer. You can make beer with a kit at the store, but it's not going to be good beer."

Good beer, according to Larsen, requires reading and research, talking with other home brewers, lots of taste testing and making unfortunate mistakes.

"It's a creative outlet for me because I formulate my own recipes," says Larsen.

Joshua Zimmerman's creative outlet is tinkering with



28-year-old, fourth-grade teacher in Milwaukee makes small electrical projects. The Altoid tin USB chargers and

flashlights, and small robots from toothbrush heads and solar battery chargers. His creations

usually can be made with a few bucks and a few parts, often from recycling old electronics.

"I spend way too much time on researching this stuff for my own amusement," Zimmerman says.

He simplifies ideas he finds online, assembles them in kits, and sells them from his online shop, Brown Dog Gadgets, and at Etsy. He also posts the instructions for all of his projects, most of which take under an hour for a novice and require a little metal soldering.

Many of the men who sell handmade wares on Etsy gravitate to the site's "geekery" category, which includes practical jokes and quirky crafts, says Emily Bidwell, who works in merchandising for the online site, based in Brooklyn, New York. A recent perusal found more than 72,000 "geekery" items for sale, including "zombie gnomes" and a "Tera Energy Superconducting Linear Accelerator" ray gun (both made by men).

Men's crafts often fall into that comical, playful category, says Bidwell, or can be more traditional and serious: metal, wood, leather, ceramics, glass.

And while men may share the same crafts as women, they often put a male spin on it, Bidwell says. For example, men are more likely to make leather and canvas courier bags, bicycle accessories and luggage.

"It's not like a pretty purse for a lady," Bidwell says. "They're making things that they want for themselves."

That explains the artwork of both Brian Kasstle, 50, and Joe Bagley, 26.

Kasstle, of Long Beach, California, dabbled in scrapbooking and card-making before he hit upon art journaling, using mostly collage, painting and image transfers. Each page tells a story about his life, family or feelings, and he shares much of this at Brian Kasstle's Blog.

"I notice when I don't (journal), I get cranky," says Kasstle. "It's just opened the world of art to me. I love it as a form of expression."

Bagley, of Boston, painstakingly hand-cuts intricate paper art, which he sells at his Etsy shop, Papercuts by Joe. An archaeologist by training, he juggles what have become twin careers.

Jackass' star died from Pa. crash's impact, fire

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— "Jackass" daredevil Ryan Dunn and his passenger died from the impact of the violent car crash and the resulting fire, according to a coroner's report Tuesday.

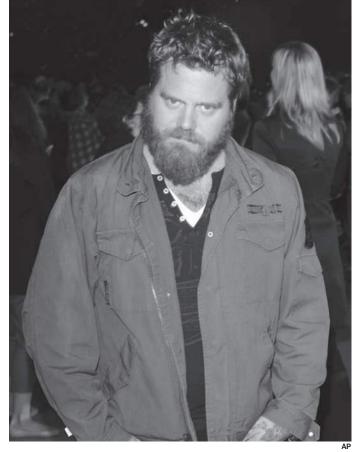
The Chester County coroner listed blunt force trauma and thermal trauma as the official causes of death for both men. Toxicology results will take four to six weeks to complete, coroner's office spokeswoman Patty Emmons said.

The 34-year-old Dunn and passenger Zachary Hartwell died early Monday, shortly after leaving a pub in West Chester where Dunn had tweeted a photo of the pair and a third man drinking just hours before the crash. The photo has since been taken down.

Barnaby's of America manager Jim O'Brien declined through an employee to speak to The Associated Press. He told The Philadelphia Inquirer that Dunn was drinking with several friends at the bar but didn't appear drunk.

West Goshen Township police declined Tuesday to discuss the ongoing investigation in detail but believe speed may have been a factor in the suburban Philadelphia crash.

A preliminary examination of the crash site suggested that Dunn's Porsche might have been traveling more than 100 mph in the 55 mph zone when it jumped a guardrail, flew into a wooded ravine, struck a tree and



In this Nov. 2, 2010 photo, U.S reality television personality and daredevil Ryan Dunn attends the Jackass 3D UK Premiere at a central London cinema.

burst into flames.

The 30-year-old Hartwell was credited as a production assistant for the second "Jackass" movie.

Dunn's brother, Eric Dunn, said in an emailed statement to the AP that his family was "devastated."

"We appreciate the support of Ryan's fans during this time, and we are grateful for your thoughts and prayers," he said. "Ryan will be greatly missed, but he will forever remain in our hearts."

Mourners placed flowers and took photos at the accident scene in West Chester, while Facebook and Twitter were buzzing Tuesday with condolences from fans around the world and friends from Hollywood to Chester County.

Among those expressing their sorrow online were Good Charlotte guitarist Benji Madden, reality TV star Brody Jenner and Dunn's "Jackass" movie and TV cohorts Bam Margera, Stephen "Steve-O" Glover and Jason "Wee Man" Acuna.

Margera, who was in Arizona at the time of the crash, visited the crash scene Tuesday evening and was visibly overcome with emotion, rocking back and forth in agony at the guardrail that the car crashed through, WCAU reported.

"I've never lost anybody that I cared about. It's my best friend," he told WPXI, weeping. "He was the happiest person ever, the smartest guy. He had so much talent, and he had so many things going for him. This is not right, not right."

Margera stood at the guardrail that Dunn pierced with his Porsche Monday morning with such force that the car slammed through about 40 feet of trees before exploding into flames.

Dunn was born in Ohio and moved at age 15 to Pennsylvania, where he met Margera on his first day of high school, according to a biography posted on his website.

Glover tweeted, "I don't know what to say, except I love Ryan Dunn and I'm really going to miss him." Glover also canceled six upcoming stand-up comedy shows in Sacramento, Calif., and the venue said it was issuing ticketholders refunds.

Ebert's tweet on Dunn death spurs cuber-maelstrom

By REX W. HUPPKE

CHICAGO—It was only one tweet. Seven words regarding the death of a minor celebrity who made his name by taking risks.

"Friends don't let jackasses drink and drive.'

That's all it took for Roger Ebert to spawn a cyber-maelstrom, causing fans of the deceased-Ryan Dunn, a "Jackass" stunt crew member who died in a high-speed crash Monday—to viciously attack the renowned Chicago Sun-Times film critic.

Investigators have not said alcohol was a factor in the onevehicle crash, which happened in Pennsylvania, but they did say Dunn's Porsche might have been traveling as fast as 100 mph. Not long before the crash, Dunn put a photo on Twitter that showed him drinking with friends.

In a post on his blog Tuesday, Ebert extended "sympathy to Ryan Dunn's family and friends, and to those of Zachary Hartwell, who also died in the crash."

"I don't know what happened in this case, and I was probably too quick to tweet. That was unseemly," Ebert acknowledged.

The question at the center of the online debate was whether Ebert was out of line with his initial tweet, or whether he was speaking the truth about a tragic event.

Bernard Beck, an associate professor emeritus of sociology at Northwestern University, said there are no answers to these questions, particularly because the whole imbroglio took place in cyberspace.

"There's no authority there, it's not a matter of law, there's not even a Miss Manners to ask questions about what's right," Beck said. "We have this technology where we have the participation of everybody in the world in everybody else's business. People who have no connection to these events feel invited to express their opinion."

Shortly after Ebert's tweet went out to his nearly 480,000 Twitter followers, fellow "Jackass" star Bam Margera unleashed some vitriolic tweets directed at the critic, and other Twitter users followed suit. Celebrity blogger Perez Hilton also went after Ebert, writing: "We understand what he's trying to say, but still—this is extremely insensitive!"

Early Tuesday, Ebert said that his Facebook page had been taken down, tweeting that it was "in response, apparently, to malicious complaints from one or two jerks." But Facebook restored the page and released a statement saying: "The page was removed in error. We apologize for the inconvenience."

Museum uncovers Van Gogh painting of his brother

AMSTERDAM (AP)—The he sent to Theo. Van Gogh Museum said Tuesday its experts now believe one of Vincent van Gogh's paintings previously thought to be a self-portrait actually depicts his brother, Theo.

If true, it would be the only known painting of Theo, although Vincent made several sketches of his brother, who supported him financially and was his lifelong confidant and friend

"People have often thought it was funny that there were no portraits of Theo, given that they were so close," said museum spokeswoman Linda Snoek.

She said the portrait was made in 1887 while the pair lived together in Paris—a lesser-known period of Van Gogh's life, since the bulk of information about Vincent is derived from letters

The painting has long been in storage, but went on display at the museum in Amsterdam Tuesday as part of an exhibition on new findings about the painter's time spent in Antwerp and Paris in 1885-1888.

Though the brothers resembled each other physically, scholars determined the painting represents Theo by a number of factors.

Head researcher Louis van Tilborgh compared two paintings from 1887 with similarlooking men in suits set against a blue background.

"They are two small, detailed portraits that when you see them you think: they belong together," Van Tilborgh said in an interview with Dutch state broadcaster NOS.

The portrait of Theo shows

he had rounder ears than Vincent did. The other portrait shows Vincent with long, angular ears, consistent with other artists' paintings of Vincent. That's before he famously self-mutilated one of his ears in December 1888.

In addition, Theo's goatee is more yellow-brown than Vincent's dark red beard, and Theo has shaven cheeks, consistent with photographs of him from the same period, while Vincent painted himself sporting mutton-chop sideburns.

In other discoveries, the museum said the bird depicted in the 1887 painting previously known as "Wheatfield with a Lark" is actually a partridge.

Van Gogh, who suffered from depression and mental anguish much of his life, shot himself in a wheatfield in 1890 and died shortly thereafter.



In this photo released by the The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, Netherlands on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, shows a painting by Vincent van Gogh which the museum previously believed to a self-portrait but actually depicts his brother, Theo. Museum spokewsoman Linda Snoek says the portrait was made in 1887 while the pair lived together in Paris, a lesser-known period of Van Gogh's life, since the bulk of information about the famously troubled painter is derived from letters

Bruce eulogizes sax man Clemons at Fla. funeral

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)— Bruce Springsteen eloquently eulogized his friend of more than four decades and E Street Band saxophonist Clarence Clemons Tuesday at a private funeral at a small Florida church.

The roughly two-hour service for the 69-year-old Clemons, known as the Big Man and Springsteen's main foil onstage over their long careers, was at the Royal Poinciana Chapel on this manicured island of the rich and famous. Faint strains of music could be heard outside the small gray church.

Springsteen, among those delivering eulogies, spoke of his long kinship with Clemons, according to those leaving the church

Singer Jackson Browne and members of the E Street Band, including guitarist Steven Van Zandt and Springsteen's wife, Patti Scialfa, also were on hand. Miami Heat general manager Pat Riley was seen leaving the church, which is beside the historic estate of tycoon Henry Flagler and nearby the tony Breakers hotel.

The 6-foot-5 Clemons had suffered from numerous medical problems over the years. He needed spinal surgery to relieve back pain and had two knee replacements. In recent years, he often needed to rest on stools onstage to play sax and percussion. He died from stroke complications Saturday at his home in Singer Island, Fla.

Clemons' booming saxophone solos became a signature sound for the E Street Band on many key songs, especially on Springsteen's breakthrough album in 1975, "Born to Run."

The saxophonist's legacy and place in the band was captured in the song, "Tenth Avenue Freeze Out." It has the famous lyric, "When the change was made uptown and the Big Man joined the band. From the coastline to the city, all the little pretties raised their hands.'

The anthem is often used to introduce E Street members during concerts.

Clemons, who was the oldest member of the E Street Band, also performed with the Grateful Dead, the Jerry Garcia Band, and Ringo Starr's All Star Band. He recorded with a wide range of artists including Aretha Franklin, Roy Orbison and Jackson Browne. He also had his own band called the Temple of Soul.

More recently, he was introduced to a whole new generation of fans when he performed his signature tenor sax on Lady Gaga's video, "The Edge of Glory."

In a statement posted on his Internet site, Springsteen said, "Clarence lived a wonderful life. He carried within him a love of people that made them want to love him. He created a wondrous and extended family. He loved the saxophone, loved our fans and gave everything he had every time he stepped on stage."

Tracy Morgan gives personal apology in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A stone-faced Tracy Morgan delivered a personal apology Tuesday to audience members in Tennessee who were offended by his anti-gay remarks during a stand-up routine earlier this month.

The comedian and actor returned to Nashville to meet with gay rights advocates and attendees of the show, including the man whose Facebook post to 1,500 friends first brought attention to the comedian's comments. After the meeting, Morgan held a news conference at the Nashville Convention Center.

"I don't have a hateful bone in my body," Morgan told reporters. "I don't believe that people should be bullied or just made to feel bad about who they are. I totally feel that in my heart."

After about 5 minutes of prepared remarks, Morgan hugged the Facebook commenter, Kevin Rogers, before leaving the room. The "30 Rock" star didn't take questions.

It was Morgan's second public apology since his June 3 show at The Ryman Auditorium. He met with homeless lesbian and gay youth Friday in New York City, and agreed to the Nashville meeting at the request of Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation President Jarrett Barrios.

Rogers said he got the feeling Morgan was sincere in his apology.

"Our discussion was a lot of just his genuineness at being sorry for what he said," said Rogers, a 36-year-old photographer. "He never meant to hurt anybody. He never realized as a comedian that he had such reach as he did to people. He just thought he was just some guy up there speaking and he never meant to hurt anyone."

The former "Saturday Night Live" cast member is known for an outrageous, unpredictable comedy style where few subjects are taboo. He's tackled homosexual themes and characters before with little outcry. But even Morgan admits he went too far during his show at the Ryman, a hallowed music venue that rarely hosts comedy.

The 42-year-old comic said during his set that if his son were gay, he would "pull out a knife and stab" him, among other anti-gay statements.

"A large majority of the audience did laugh and kind of cheer," Rogers said. "I'm not sure how much of that was nervous laughter and how much was in genuine support of the words. I know at the time, to me and my partner, we felt that there was genuine support of those words."

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Ryan Reynolds, Blake Lively Action • PG 13

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Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino Children's/family, Comedy • PG

Adventure-loving house painter Mr. Popper (Jim Carrey) contends with the problem of having too many penguins in director Mark S. Waters' adaptation of author Richard Atwater's beloved children's book. Shortly after penning a letter to a team of Arctic explorers, Mr. Popper is surprised to receive a penguin in the mail. Later, after making his mischievous new pal a cozy new home in the freezer, the hapless Mr. Popper comes into possession of a playful female penguin as well.

Writer/director J.J. Abrams teams with producer Steven Spielberg for this period sci-fi thriller set in the late '70s, and centering on a

mysterious train crash in a sma**ll** Ohio town. Summer, 1979: a group of young friends are filming a Super-8 movie when a pickup truck derails a speeding train. When the locals start to disappear and even

the inquisitive deputy can't come up with answers, sus

emerge that the incident was anything but an accident.

The DC Comics character The Green Lantern is given his own feature with this Warner Bros. production that follows the Hal Jordan incarnation of the charac-ter. Casino Royale's Martin Campbell directs Ryan Reynolds in the title role.



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to 'Transformers' firing LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mi-

chael Bay says Steven Spielberg demanded he dismiss Megan Fox from the third "Transformers" film after she compared Bay to Hitler.

Bay tells GQ magazine in an article appearing in its July issue that Spielberg, who is an executive producer on the film, told the director to "fire her right now" after Fox made the Hitler remarks to a British magazine last year.

Fox told the magazine before production began on the third "Transformers" installment that Bay "wants to be like Hitler on his sets, and he is."

The 25-year-old actress was replaced by Victoria's Secret model Rosie Huntington-Whiteley in "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," which opens next week.

Bay: Megan Fox remark led

Paramount confirmed Tuesday that Bay made the comments to GQ but did not elaborate.

In this June 14, 2009 file photo, film director and executive producer Michael Bay, right, poses with actress Megan Fox as they arrive for the German premiere of their movie "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen", in Berlin,



Onetime socialite Kluge in bankruptcy protection

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Patricia Kluge, a onetime socialite who had entertained the rich and famous at her sprawling Virginia estate in the 1980s and later tried her hand at building up a national winemaking business, has filed for personal bankruptcy protection with her husband.

A lawyer for the couple, Kermit Rosenberg, disclosed details of the filing Tuesday and added: "They're getting on with their lives, trying to discharge their debts and start over."

In U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Kluge and husband William Moses listed business obligations as their chief debts. The filing estimates their assets between \$1 million and \$10 million, compared with \$10 million to \$50 million in liabilities. The couple estimated in the filing in the court in Lynchburg that they have between 50 and 99 creditors.

acquired 23,500-square-foot Albemarle House and its 3,000 acres in rural Virginia from her 1990 divorce from billionaire media mogul John W. Kluge, who died in September. It was designed after an 18th-century English country manor with multilevel gardens, fountains, a swimming pool and rustic guest cabin.

In the 1980s, Kluge hosted extravagant events for royalty, corporate chieftains, celebrities and literary figures at the home, which Kluge once said defined her. The 62-year-old Kluge said last year that she no longer lived that life and instead was trying to focus on a winery business she had sought to create with her new husband.

The Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition comes after the failure of negotiations with three principal banks, Rosenberg said Tuesday. The banks had foreclosed on the couple's winery business, their Albemarle House mansion and a neighborhood of luxury homes under development.

Rosenberg said attempts to "structure an overall settlement" didn't succeed. He added the filing places the couple's assets under the control of a courtappointed trustee, who will administer payments to creditors. Kluge and Moses, he said, are scheduled to meet with creditors on July 15.

Bank of America filed a lawsuit against Kluge in U.S. District Court in Charlottesville, alleging that Kluge defaulted on three loans worth nearly \$23 million on the brick Georgian home and its grounds. The bank purchased the property for \$15.26 million.

The couple also lost their Kluge Estate Winery & Vineyard after defaulting on nearly \$35 million in loans from Farm Credit Bank during their effort to build a national wine business during the economic downturn. Reality-television mogul Don-

ald Trump bought most of the business in April, saying he wants to operate the vineyard.

Lender Sonabank took back the couple's upscale Vineyard Estates subdivision for \$4.9 million at a January auction after Kluge and Moses defaulted on an \$8.2 million loan after few properties on the 511-acre tract had sold. The couple's current home in the subdivision wasn't part of the sale.

To raise cash for the struggling winery, Kluge enlisted Sotheby's last June to conduct an onsite auction of furnishings, antiques and other items, which brought in \$15.2 million. An ornate Qing Dynasty Chinese table clock sold for nearly \$3.8 million, and worldwide bidders also paid top prices for paintings, furniture and other pieces in the collection. Kluge also liquidated much of her jewelry for about \$5 million at a previous sale.

Old Mafia file | Penn Jillette says he's glad Tenn. lost Miss USA

and Miss USA judge Penn Jillette says he's happy a pageant queen from Tennessee fell short to Miss California USA Alyssa Campanella because her onstage answer to a question about burning Qurans ran afoul of the First Amendment.

> The vocal half of illusionist duo Penn and Teller said on helped Miss Tennessee USA Ashley Durham lose the Miss USA competition on Sunday night. Campanella will represent the country in the Miss Universe pageant in September in Brazil, while Durham placed second.

"She negated the whole First Amendment," Jillette said in a tweet Sunday night. "Glad to help her lose.'

He further said that Durham was fine in expressing disdain for religious burnings but shouldn't have advocated taking away freedoms.

With four competitors left gunning for the crown, Dur-

posed by celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito about whether burning religious books, including the Muslim holy book, should be afforded the same constitutional protections as flag burning. She struggled in her response, but said it crossed a line and shouldn't be allowed.

Twitter that he's glad to have view it as a freedom of speech, however, burning the American flag is not patriotic at all," Durham said. "No American citizen should do that, and you should also respect other religions. I'm a Christian and a faithful person. I would personally not appreciate someone burning the Bible, and that's just a line you do not cross."

Durham fired back at Jillette saying she's disappointed with Jillette's reaction. She said it's uncalled for that he would delight in shooting down her dreams.

ful for the protections we enjoy under the U.S. Constitution, but the First Amendment does not extend to all types of speech," Durham said. "Due to my strong Christian beliefs, and my respect for the convictions of other, I personally feel that burning sacred texts goes too far."

It was not immediately clear whether Jillette's vote swung the competition against Durham. Miss USA officials did not immediately respond to messages seeking comments about the ballots from The Associated Press.

The field of 51 contestants was narrowed to 16 by preliminary judges and a fan vote. A panel of celebrity TV judges then scored each pageant queen on swimsuit, evening gown and interview competitions.

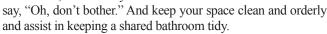
Campanella, the 21-year-old California model who won the title, answered a question about the legalization of marijuana by saying it probably shouldn't be legalized fully, but she supports its use for medicinal purposes.

Thoughtful suggestions ease hard times under one roof

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: With so many families moving in with relatives because of personal struggles in their lives, I thought it might be helpful to offer a few suggestions to help this work for everyone. If you move in with relatives:

- 1. Do not assume they won't mind if you store everything you own in their garage. Get rid of it or pay for a storage unit.
- 2. Help with the housework, even if they



- 3. Show you appreciate having a place to stay. Feed pets, carry out the trash, rake leaves or shovel snow.
- 4. Do your own laundry. Ask when is the most convenient time to do it. Don't leave clothes in the washer or dryer, which prevents others from washing their own things.
- 5. If you are paying something toward your stay, don't think that precludes your helping in the home.
- 6. Work out the food arrangements. Maybe you have a shelf or drawer in the fridge for your food. Prepare your own meals unless everyone agrees to share cooking duties and food budgets.
- 7. If you don't have a job, keep looking. Don't lie around watching TV, sleeping or playing on the computer.
- 8. Never gossip about the household. You owe it to the family who took you in.
- 9. Do try to set a departure date. If things change, discuss it. When in doubt, talk it out.

To those who are going through this, I wish you luck and better times ahead.

LOVING FAMILY MEMBER

DEAR FAMILY MEMBER: Your letter is timely because, for various reasons, millions of Americans now live in multifamily and intergenerational households. For some of them, the arrangement will be temporary. For others, it is cultural, practical and will be permanent. Whatever the reasons for cohabiting, the suggestions you submitted are thought-provoking and worth space in my column. Thank you for raising the subject.

DEAR ABBY: I was married for nine years to an outwardly sweet, but deceptive woman who cheated and left me. We have two children. A custody battle is waging, and the divorce has not been finalized due to financial disputes.

I have found myself with a dilemma. I am not a bad-looking guy, and women come on to me during social events. On the occasion that I find myself attracted and ask a woman out, I end up telling her the whole divorce/custody story no matter how hard I try to avoid it or change the subject. After the date, I regret the conversation.

How should these issues be discussed with a potential lover? I have avoided commitment because of all the "baby mama drama" some of the women had, but I'm now seriously interested in someone and she's receptive to seeing me. I'm a free-spirited person and this problem is weighing me down. Please advise, Abby.

"STUCK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR "STUCK": Because you are seriously interested, do the honorable thing and let her know in advance that a relationship with you may be complicated because your divorce isn't final, and the reasons why. If she's as interested in you as you are in her, she will respect you for it. If your almost-ex is vindictive, your new lady will need to be prepared for it.

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TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—A thick U.S. government file discovered on the back seat of a New York City taxi in the 1990s contained the mug shots, criminal associates and favorite hangouts of hundreds of Mafia members during the 1950s and early 1960s. Among the over 800 names were such infamous figures as Carlo "Don Carlo" Gambino and Meyer Lansky.

The three-ring binder is being auctioned at Bonhams New York on Wednesday with a pre-sale estimate of \$10,000 to

Robert F. Kennedy is believed to have used a copy of the file during the 1963 televised McClellan hearings into organized crime when he was U.S. Attorney General.

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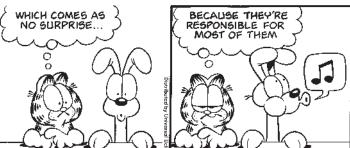




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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think before you make an impulsive move that will have life-altering effects. There are other factors you aren't taking into account. Patience will be required if you don't want to end up backtracking. ❖❖❖

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take advantage of any opportunity to pick up information that can help you expand your horizons. Talk to people with experience and knowledge in what you want to pursue. Once you make a decision, don't waffle or someone you need on your team will lose confidence in you. ••••

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your patience will be tested if you get into an emotional discussion with someone who needs your help. You must be creative with the way you go about assisting others or you will be taken for granted. A change of plans will leave you wondering which way to turn. 33

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone will keep changing plans. Refuse to give in to anyone trying to control your life. Focus on what you can do to reach your goals.

An opportunity is present with the potential to lead to business prospects and partnerships. ••

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep things simple and don't exceed your budget, no matter what you come up against. There will be a chance to make changes that will alter your life or your geographical location and you don't want to miss out because you spent all your cash elsewhere. Romance is highlighted. **2000**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deception and disillusionment are apparent, especially where business and dealing with colleagues are concerned. An investment may be tempting but, if it goes above and beyond what you can afford, take a pass. Not everyone will be legitimate. ••• LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Accept the in-

evitable but don't instigate change. You'll have enough to contend with just keeping up with what's already happening all around you. Put your time, effort and energy into something constructive. Socialize and network.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make financial gains if you invest properly or you take an unusual approach to acquiring property or items that can grow in value. Keep the momentum flowing and the interest will continue to mount until you are in an excellent position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are overdue for a change that will motivate you to reestablish ties with people who can help you get ahead now. You will finally get the recognition you deserve. Love and romance are highlighted. OOOOO

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll feel burdened by responsibilities. The people who count on you will be more demanding than usual. You have to leave room to take care of matters that are important to you. Giving too much will cause emotional stress. 👀

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make changes to the way you we with regard to your health and well-being. Preparation will ensure that you get better results. Your expertise will be recognized and rewarded. OOOO

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone who isn't pleased with the way you've been handling personal affairs will raise an issue that you have been avoiding. Offer an explanation before inaccurate assumptions are made. Express your concerns openly. •••

Birthday Baby: You are accommodating and eagerly work alongside others. You are open and receptive, emotional and intent on helping the underdog.

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By Dave Green

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By DAVID WONDERWORD OUELLET

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Serena wins in return to Grand Slam play



DON, England (AP)—The days Serena Wil-

liams lived through between Grand Slam appearances were filled with health problems and hospitalizations, doubts and depression.

Cuts from glass on both feet. One subsequent operation on her right foot, then a second. Clots in her lungs. Surgery to remove a pool of blood under her skin. On and on it went.

Finally healthy, and finally back at a major tournament, Williams was simply overwhelmed by it all at the conclusion of her match at Wimbledon on Tuesday. As soon as she snapped off her 13th ace of the afternoon to close an uneven performance in a 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Aravane Rezai of France in the first round, Williams placed her right palm on her chest. Her eves welled with tears.

By the time she walked to the net to shake hands with Rezai, Williams was crying. She sat in her sideline chair, covered her face with a tournament towel and sobbed. And she kept right on bawling through a postmatch TV interview with the BBC.

"It definitely was so emotional for me because, you know, throughout the last 12 months, I've been through a lot of things that's not normal; things you guys don't even know about," the 29-year-old American said at her news conference. "So it's just been a long, arduous road. To stand up, still, is pretty awesome."

A first-round win at a Grand Slam tournament is not exactly the sort of achievement Williams normally would celebrate: Her career mark in such matches is now 44-0, after all. But she'd never before been away from her sport for such an extended time—and, more to the point, she'd never before been through such a series of scares. Williams got the "all clear" from her doctor about 2 1/2 months ago, only began practicing at full speed about one month ago, and played her first match anywhere since July at a grass-court tournament in Eastbourne last week.

Rezai, once ranked as high as 15th but now 61st, was struck by the high level of Williams' play, particularly down the stretch-and by her reaction at

"It shows she's not a machine; she's a human being," Rezai said. "We all have a heart. We all have emotions. ... If she wins the next two or three matches, I think she can win the tournament."

Williams wasn't quite ready to pronounce herself the player to beat at Wimbledon, where she has won four of her 13 Grand Slam singles championships, including each of the past



Serena Williams of the US reacts after defeating France's Aravane Rezai in their first round match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

It was only a handful of days after that latest title that Williams was sliced on both feet by glass at a restaurant in Germany. She played an exhibition match in Belgium later that week, but eventually realized she needed surgery. Williams now has a jagged scar that runs several inches from the top of her right foot up her leg.

"She really appreciated this chance to return to tennis, and she couldn't wait to get back," her mother, Oracene Price, said after watching the match on Center Court, where singer Diana Ross had a front-row seat in the Royal Box. "Now she has something to get that zeal back. The hunger and the fire that you lose comes back. I know she had been depressed at times."

There was none of that sort of drama on the day's later matches on Centre Court, which included straight-set victories for Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Maria Sharapova.

Not really bothered by swirling wind he called "tricky," sixtime Wimbledon champion Federer won 68 of 80 points on his serve—including 29 of 31 in the first set—while beating Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-2. Djokovic, playing for the first time since his 43-match winning streak was ended by Federer in the French Open semifinals, dropped only

11 points on serve and eliminated Jeremy Chardy of France 6-4, 6-1, 6-1. Andy Roddick, a three-time runner-up at the All England Club, served quite well, too, pounding 30 aces to defeat qualifier Andreas Beck of Germany 6-4, 7-6 (6), 6-3.

Roddick's known Williams for years and considers her a friend. He explained that everyone is anxious before any firstround match at any Grand Slam tournament, so he could only try to imagine how Williams must have felt Tuesday.

That said, Roddick also pointed to her well-known penchant for successful comebacks, whether it's saving a match point on court or recovering from an injury off it.

"One thing we've never really questioned with Serena is her competitive spirit. Especially when she gets out there, I think she just hates losing," Roddick said. "I don't think it'd surprise anybody in this room if she went on and won this tournament. I don't know how many people you can say that about after a year (away)."

Other winners included 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro, two-time French Open finalist Robin Soderling, top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki and French Open champion Li Na. But former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic lost in the first round.

Day 2 of Wimbledon also

featured a rematch of the longest match in tennis history. In a sequel that couldn't possibly live up to the original, John Isner beat Nicolas Mahut 7-6 (4), 6-2, 7-6 (6) in 2 hours, 3 minutes - 9 hours, 2 minutes shorter, and 149 fewer games, than their first-round match at the All England Club a year ago, when Isner won 70-68 in the fifth set.

"It wasn't easy," Isner said, "but obviously it was considerably quicker than the last time we played."

The seventh-seeded Williams started slowly against Rezai.

Williams fell behind 2-0 after getting broken in the match's opening game, during which a shrill fire alarm from a nearby building steadily rang for about five minutes, creating an odd, distracting backdrop while play continued uninterrupted.

Rezai won the first game with a drop shot that bounced twice before Williams could get there; that was one of several points that ended with Williams huffing and puffing, trying to catch her breath, a not-all-thatsurprising development given that she is still working her way back into form.

But Rezai also helped out, double-faulting twice while getting broken to 2-all, and twice more while falling behind 4-2.

That was enough for Williams to take that set; her own blips arose in the second. She

lost her serve to fall behind 4-2, stumbling a bit while missing a backhand, then double-faulting on break point. Three games later, Williams missed a forehand wide, then admonished herself with a high-pitched shriek, and the match was tied at a set apiece.

And then?

"She woke up in the third set," Price said.

That she did. Grunting loudly, and swatting serves at up to 117 mph, Williams never faced a break point the rest of the way. She broke Rezai twice, including at love to lead 5-1. That was part of a 10-point run to end the match, her 200th victory at a beginning."

It had been quite a while since her 199th.

"Being out for so long really, really is unfortunate. I love playing tennis. I love being a part of the competition. So I thought if I could make it, I'll try to do my best. And that's what I did," said Williams, who wore a long cardigan sweater during prematch warmups, and had two oversized pieces of bandaging on her back, which she said was for warmth.

"I'm still overcoming every day," she added. "This isn't the end of the road; it's just the

Cavaliers mulling NBA draft decisions



(AP)—They're measuring, done timing and talking to prospective draft picks. It's time for the Cleveland Cavaliers to

choose a few. Empowered with the Nos. 1 and 4 picks in Thursday's NBA draft, the Cavs will spend the next 48 hours deciding who to add to their roster. While all signs indicate they will select Duke point guard Kyrie Irving first overall, the Cavs have not

yet made any final decisions. They'll spend Tuesday and Wednesday setting their board and debating their many options, which could include a trade—or two. The Cavs also have two second-round picks (Nos. 32 and 54) and a \$14.5 million trade exception, assets they may package with players or owner Dan Gilbert's cash to make deals.

On Monday, the team held its last round of workouts by hosting Arizona forward Derrick Williams, Turkish center Enes Kanter and Kentucky guard Brandon Knight at their suburban training facility. Williams and Kanter were in for their second visits, and the pair also met with Gilbert and some of his kids, adding not publicly committed to setanother layer of mystery to the team's true intentions.

The Cavs have treated this draft with air-tight security, throwing up an impenetrable defense around their plans. Other than a few random tweets on his Twitter account, Gilbert has been out of sight; general manager Chris Grant has made no public comments in weeks and the club closed player workouts to the media.

Nearly one year after LeBron James stripped them of their identity, the Cavs have all the power—and they're using it.

Aside from the record rainfall, it's been an otherwise joyous spring in Cleveland, a city not accustomed to feeling too good about its sports teams. The Cavaliers, who lost 63 games and were out

CLEVELAND of the playoff hunt by January in their first season without James, won the draft lottery in May.

> Then James, whose tortuous departure last summer left scars, lost to Dallas in the NBA finals, giving Cleveland fans a chance to gloat over someone else's misery for a change.

> But this draft has spawned optimism and is giving the Cavaliers a chance to accelerate their post-LeBron recovery. As the first team with two picks in the top four since Houston in 1983, Cleveland is confident it will come away climbing a few rungs up the ladder back to contention.

Trouble is, experts have labeled this draft as one of the weakest in recent memory.

Several top players, including lottery locks Harrison Barnes and Jared Sullinger, decided to stay in college perhaps because of concerns about a possible labor lockout. What's left are players laden with question marks and only Irving and Williams viewed as potential perennial All-Stars.

If there's a year when having the No. 1 and No. 4 picks is not ideal, this would be it.

Sorry, Cleveland.

And although the Cavs have tling on Irving, he appears to be their top choice.

In the point-guard-driven NBA, where backcourt players like Derrick Rose, Deron Williams, Chris Paul, Rajon Rondo and John Wall are obscuring their taller teammates as stars, the 6-foot-4 Irving has all the tools—size, speed, ballhandling-to make an immediate impact for the Cavs. At times, Cleveland's Princeton offense barely performed up to Ivy League levels last season, frustrating first-year coach Byron Scott.

Irving's not without flaws, however. The major knock on the 19-year-old is that he only played 11 games for the Blue Devils because of a toe injury and there are some who wonder if he needs more grooming.

Phillies' 9-run 8th crushes Cardinals



Phillies piled on a season-best nine runs in the eighth inning to overwhelm the St. Louis Cardinals 10-2 in Major League Baseball on Tuesday.

In the only all-National League meeting amid interleague play, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley each had a two-run single in the eighth, while Carlos Ruiz had four hits and one of two bases-loaded walks.

The NL East-leading Phillies have won Roy Halladay's last seven starts, even if Tuesday's surge came too late for him to be credited with the win. That instead went to reliever Michael Stutes (2-0), who pitched one inning, allowing one run.

Cardinals reliever Trever Miller (0-1) took the loss.

Brewers 5, Rays 1

In Milwaukee, Zack Greinke struck out 10 over seven innings to direct Milwaukee to a win over Tampa Bay.

Greinke (7-2) struck out at least a batter in every inning, including the side in the third, and gave up one run.

Yuniesky Betancourt homered in the second off Rays rookie Jeremy Hellickson (7-6) and Ryan Braun hit a two-run single in the seventh.

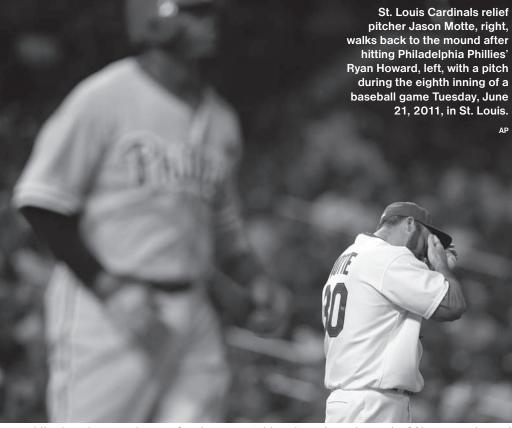
Tampa Bay lost its first game in five, while Milwaukee remains the only team in the majors not to lose consecutive home games this year.

Braves 5, Blue Jays 1

In Atlanta, Brian McCann hit a two-run homer that powered Atlanta past Toronto.

Atlanta took a 4-1 lead in the third on McCann's 12th homer and Alex Gonzalez's RBI double off Toronto rookie Zach Stewart (0-1), who allowed five runs and three walks in 3 2-3 innings.

Jason Heyward had an RBI single and Braves starter Mike Minor (1-2) ended a nine-start winless streak, allowing one run and striking out a season-best eight in seven innings.



row, while the Blue Jays have scored just two runs in losing three straight on the road.

Rockies 4, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Seth Smith's second homer of the game snapped a ninth-inning tie and gave Colorado victory over Cleveland.

Smith connected off Cleveland closer Chris Perez (2-3), hitting a 2-2 pitch into the rightfield seats for his fourth career multihomer game.

Jason Giambi had three hits for Colorado, which has won six of seven and moved over .500 for the first time in a month.

The Rockies held Cleveland hitless until the sixth, and reliever Matt Belisle (5-2) worked one inning for the win. Huston Street pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 22nd save in 24 chances.

Padres 5 Red Sox 4

In Boston, former Boston prospect Anthony Rizzo drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning against his old team, helping San Diego snap a seasonworst six-game losing streak.

Rizzo grounded out with the bases loaded, allowing Chase Atlanta has won three in a Headley to score, as Red Sox time in four starts that he made

first baseman Adrian Gonzalez fumbled before getting the out at first. Rizzo and two other prospects were traded to San Diego in exchange for Gonzalez.

Padres reliever Chad Qualls (4-3) pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings to get the win. Heath Bell worked the ninth for his 19th save in 20 opportunities.

Boston's Dan Wheeler (0-1) took the loss.

Nationals 6, Mariners 5

In Washington, Wilson Ramos capped a five-run ninth inning with a game-ending three-run homer as Washington stormed home to edge Seattle.

Jerry Hairston and Danny Espinosa each had two-out RBI singles before Ramos connected off David Pauley (4-1), hitting a drive deep to center.

Todd Coffey (3-0) pitched the ninth for Washington, which has won nine of 10.

Dodgers 6, Tigers 1

In Los Angeles, Chad Billingsley bounced back from two poor outings to pitch Los Angeles to victory over Detroit.

Billingsley (6-6) allowed one run over 5 1-3 innings—the first it past the fifth. He struck out six and left after loading the bases with a 4-1 lead. A double play ended the threat.

Andre Ethier hit a two-run homer for the Dodgers, who notched a third straight win.

Tigers starter Max Scherzer (9-3) failed to become the first pitcher to reach 10 wins this year. He gave up six runs in six innings.

Diamondbacks 7, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Wily Mo Pena and Chris Young homered to help Arizona down Kansas City.

Diamondbacks starter Joe Saunders (4-7) held the Royals to two runs over seven innings; his 10th consecutive start pitching at least six innings.

Royals starter Luke Hochevar (4-8) picked up the loss, yielding five runs in seven innings with his ERA climbing to 4.97.

Twins 9, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Minnesota tied a major league record by opening a game with eight consecutive hits and went on to comfortably account for San Francisco.

Ben Revere had two hits

and two RBIs to highlight the Twins' eight-run first inning. Luke Hughes had a two-run single and four others had an RBI in the first to chase Giants starter Madison Bumgarner (3-9) before some fans even found their seats.

Bumgarner recorded only one out, striking out opposing pitcher Carl Pavano (5-5) who by contrast gave up only one run in eight innings.

Minnesota has won eight straight in a bid to overcome a poor start to the season, while San Francisco has lost five in a row and fallen half a game behind Arizona in the NL West.

Marlins 5, Angels 2

In Miami, Florida's new 80-year-old manager Jack McKeon showed he still has the winning touch, leading the Marlins to victory over Los Angeles in his second game, ending an 11-game losing skid.

Florida starter Javier Vazquez (4-7) and five relievers gave up 13 hits but the Angels went 1 for 15 with runners in scoring position.

Vazquez (4-7) went 5 1-3 scoreless innings to lower his ERA to 6.37, still the highest in the majors. He had lost his previous three decisions.

Florida's Gaby Sanchez hit his 13th home run and Hanley Ramirez had his first multi-hit game in a month.

Los Angeles starter Ervin Santana (3-8) was lifted in the sixth trailing 2-0. He fell to 0-4 in his past five starts.

Athletics 7, Mets 3

In New York, Josh Outman threw another impressive game to guide Oakland past New York.

Outman (3-1) lived up to his pitcher-perfect name, allowing one earned run in six innings.

Jemile Weeks scored three times and Ryan Sweeney had four hits, including an RBI single, and the A's won their sixth straight.

Mets starter Dillon Gee (7-1) was lifted in the fourth after throwing only 45 of 87 pitches for strikes. He gave up four suffering his first loss of the season.

Pirates 9, Orioles 3

In Pittsburgh, Neil Walker had two hits and drove in three runs to help Pittsburgh defeat Baltimore and snap a fourgame skid.

Chris Resop (3-2) picked up the victory in relief, while Jose Tabata, Garrett Jones and Xavier Paul all knocked in two runs apiece for the Pirates.

Baltimore's Jeremy Guthrie (2-9) settled down after a rocky first inning but dropped into a tie for the AL lead in losses. He gave up six runs in 6 1-3 innings.

Rangers 5, Astros 4, 11 innings

In Arlington, Texas, Mitch Moreland blasted the first pitch of the bottom of the 11th inning into the upper deck in right field to lift Texas past state rival Houston.

Moreland's second homer in as many games gave reliever Yoshinori Tateyama (1-0) his first career win and handed Houston rookie reliever Enerio del Rosario (0-2) the loss.

Rangers star Josh Hamilton forced extra innings with a solo homer leading off the eighth. Texas also got solo homers from Michael Young and Nelson Cruz to send the Astros to their third straight loss.

White Sox 3, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Brent Morel hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the seventh inning as the White Sox leveled the Chicago series at a game apiece.

Paul Konerko homered for a fifth straight game for the White Sox and Carlos Pena hit his second in as many nights for the Cubs.

Sergio Santos got the final out with two on in the eighth and then pitched the ninth for his 13th save in 15 chances.

Jesse Crain (3-2) got the win in relief of Mark Buehrle, who left after rain delayed the game for 1 hour, 44 minutes.

Jeff Samardzija (5-3) took the loss.

Source: NFL owners, players to meet again



ROSEMONT, III. (AP)—The next

time NFL owners meet over labor, there is hope it will be to ratify a new col-

lective bargaining agreement with the players. Don't get carried away think-

ing a deal is imminent. Optimism is in the air, for sure. That doesn't mean the end of the lockout is at hand.

Owners were briefed Tuesday on discussions for a new CBA that would net the players just under 50 percent of total revenues. Next up: more talks with the players in the Boston area.

Several people with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press that Commissioner Roger Goodell and his labor committee will meet with players association chief DeMaurice Smith on Wednesday and Thursday. The owners spent five hours Tuesday getting updated on various CBA issues. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the negotiations are supposed to be confidential.

"We're going to meet with them soon and we're eager to accelerate the pace of the negotiations," said Jeff Pash, the league's chief negotiator.

"We have a lot of work to do and we've got to do it right," Goodell added. "The agreement has to focus on several issues and the issues are complex. It must be done in a way that is fair to the players and a way that is fair to the clubs."

One person told the AP that the players' share would approach the 50 percent the NFLPA has said it has received throughout the last decade. But the expense credits—about \$1 billion last year that the league takes off the top would disappear.

Also, there would no longer be "designated revenues" from which the players would share, the person said. Instead, the players would share from the entire pie, which they project will grow significantly over the course of the new CBA, which is expected to run anywhere from six to 10 years. So if they are taking 48 percent or more of a much higher revenue stream—without the initial NFL deduction for operating expenses—the players still would receive far more money than they got under the previous agreement.

A salary floor keeping teams within 90 percent of the cap also would be included. The players have been concerned that some teams whose revenue streams don't match up with the richer clubs would try to hold down salary spending.

"It was a good day in the sense of we had a full discussion on the issues," Goodell said. "Ownership is united and determined to reach an agreement and have a full 2011 season. The ownership has a better understanding of the framework (of a new CBA)."

Several owners were expected to have objections to some of the proposals. Goodell was

asked if there was a consensus among owners, to which he replied that "is a little deceiving because we don't have an agreement" with the players.

"The membership has a strong view of the priorities and what we need to do, and a determination to get there," Goodell said.

Both sides appear eager to find common ground for a new collective bargaining agreement rather than going back into court. A U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is considering the league's appeal of a lowercourt injunction that originally blocked the lockout. That injunction is on hold, and a ruling could come anytime.

Tebuteb takes RGA June Ace



Tom Tebuteb clinched the Refaluwasch Golf Association June Ace

after beating Joe Saures in the scorecard tiebreak in last Saturday's tournament at the King-

Tebuteb shot a 46 and 47 on the front and back nines, respectively, and deducting his 20 handicap from his gross score of 93, he ended up with the day's best net of 73. The 10-handicapper Saures also



a 43 in the first nine holes and 40 in the last nine.

To resolve the tie, RGA went to the players' scorecards on the front nine and Tebuteb carded a net 36 after half of his handicap (10) was subtracted from his score in the first nine holes (46). Saures came up two shots short, as his 5 handicap and 43 front nine score netted him a 38.

Besides Saures and Tebuteb, 10 other RGA members joined the June Ace tournament. The list includes Manny Mangarero (net 77), Bae Yong Man (77), Adam Hardwicke (86), Ulysis

Kapileo (82), Asterio Tawanpiy (75), Dwaine Stephens (84), Carl Hocog (77), Joe Wabol (81), Tony Rogolifoi (81), and Tars Olopai (75).

Hocog won the closest to the pin shot on hole No. 6, while Hardwicke had the same feat on No. 15.

Meanwhile, RGA would like to thank Joe Wabol and his family for hosting a dinner to club members after the tournament.

Castillo. The Marianas High

School stalwart led all scorers

with 15 points, while Krizandra

Palau, which beat its sister

team Belau in the opening day

of the tournament, 64-18, drew

13 and 12 markers from Diliaur

Kumaichi and Mahealani Adel-

In other women's results,

Guam was scheduled to play Palau yesterday in the last day

of the round-robin tournament, while the CNMI's last prelimi-

nary assignment was against

Belau. The crossover semifinals

will be played tonight with the

No. 1 team taking on the No. 4

squad for the first finals berth

and the No. 2 and 3 teams bat-

tling for the second finals seat.

A win over Belau will give the

CNMI cagebelles the No. 2 spot

and a rematch against Palau in

In the boys division, the

CNMI kept its playoffs hopes

Guam went 2-0 after clobbering

Gozon chipped in 10.

bai, respectively.

Belau, 115-7.

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RGA also wished to condole with the family of its long-time member Ben Taitano, who passed away last week. The club asked its members to include Taitano and his family to their prayers.

In related news, RGA is still open for membership at \$25 annually. For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Olopai at 483-5508, Rogolifoi at 288-3515, and Jess Wabol at 288-1129.

ers now have a 1-3 record for

fourth place. The Ed Manalili-

Registration for SML youth baseball starts June 27



Saipan Major League Baseball Association's

2011 Summer/Fall Youth Baseball League will be held from June 27 through July 1 at Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Parents are urged to register their children—ages 14 to 18 between 9am and 6pm during the specified dates.

In addition, interested teams

Registration or players are invited to attend tion of the league. a 6pm managers and coaches meeting on July 5 at the Ada Gym conference room.

> Six teams are already confirmed to participate in the league, which is set to kick off next month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

All games will be played under seven innings, and since it is a developmental program, wooden bats will be used in place of metal ones for the dura-

Weather permitting, each team will be guaranteed to play 20 games or more, exclusive of the playoffs. However, in order to prevent injuries this format will require a four-inning limit per pitcher, per game.

The youth league aims to improve the playing skills of youth players. To help accomplish this goal, league organizers will also conduct a baseball clinic two weeks prior to opening date.

The baseball clinic offers participants the opportunity to learn the basics and fundamentals of the game of baseball. Offensive and defensive strategies and other aspects of the game will also be covered during the two-week period.

Opening day for the league is still being determined.

For more information, contact Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515. (Walter Cepeda Sutherland)

TSL Sports Complex to host women's basketball league and clinics



Sports Complex will be hosting

The 2011 Salva-

tion Army Food

Bank 5K Fun

Run will kick off

this Saturday.

women's basketball league and two clinics this summer aptly named the "2011 Women's Summer Basketball League."

League and clinics will be held at the new sports complex

TSL in Gualo Rai for players 14 years and above. Entrance fee for the league is \$5 each person. Players must sign a registration/ waiver form to enter, and players under 18 must have their

> The first clinic will be held on June 28, 2011 from 2pm to 4pm, and the second clinic will be held

parent's or guardian's signature.

2011 Salvation Army 5K Run scheduled on June 25

to join the race, as interested

runners must only bring one

non-perishable food item to

compete.

No entrance fee is required

on June 29 from 2pm to 4pm.

At the end of the clinics player selection will begin wherein a total of four to six teams will be created to compete in the season which starts on July 1, 2011. Games will be played three or four times (depending on the number of teams) per week: Monday, Wednesday, Friday,

and Sunday from 5pm to 8pm. Teams will use the round-robin method and will play each other twice during the season.

For more information, contact Mae Ito at 235-8747 ext. 148 or 287-3607, Irish Pagarao at 285-5272, Ira Palero at 285-1311, or Maria Javier at 285-8071. (PR)

Islands Club and head back time is at 7am, while kick-off

For more information, contact Ruszala) at 287-2723 or at brad.ruszala@gmail.com. (PR)

to the starting line. Check-in is at 8am.

alive after topping Belau, 86-56. The Commonwealth cag-

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nailed two big threes in the fourth quarter to go with six other points as Armatech took the lead in the final minutes.

A layup by Moreno put them ahead, 80-76, with 40 seconds on the clock, but Cargo Express played good defense and forced a 24-second violation.

Armatech's Bruce Berline then fouled out, putting Cargo Express' Rocyl Ritual on the line; he made both shots to make it, 78-80.

Armatech's Elmer Esdre-

lon was fouled soon after and answered with two pressurepacked free throws with 19 seconds remaining and Moreno did a good job milking the clock at the end.

Moreno and De Vero teamed up for 46 points in the game, while Pagarao led all scorers

In the late match, Soul Jazz built an early 23-19 lead in the first period as seven players put a hand on offense.

Soul Jazz maintained its two-possession lead at the half, 46-42, and continued to spread the ball around as eight players contributed on offense in the

second quarter. World Resort's Wowie Abuel tallied 16 points in the first half to keep his team in the game.

The race will begin at

the Salvation Army across

the Hopwood Junior High

School and runners will pro-

ceed south past the Pacific

World Resort's Dennis Vinas came off the bench with 12 markers in the third quarter to help trim the deficit to a point, 64-65, with 10 minutes to go, but Soul Jazz's Freddie Pelisamen showed up big at crunch time with 15 points as the team fended off the late rally.

Pelisamen finished with a game-high 35 markers, while Vinas turned in 32 in the loss.

First Game

Armatech 83 – Moreno 24,

De Vero 22, Esdrelon 17, Berline 11, Rebuyon 5, Montano 2.

Cargo Express 81 – Pagarao 32, Ritual 14, Lerio 12, L. Itaas 11, Jung 7, Rotap 3, Lavarias 2. Scoring by quarters: 20-21,

Second Game

38-44, 60-64, 83-81.

Soul Jazz 93 – Pelisamen 35. Je. Mina 18, Aquino 13, Ruluked 11, Efraim 6, Inos 5, Johanes 4, J.R. Mina 1.

World Resort 92 - Vinas 32, Basila 28, Abuel 13, Navarro 9, Morales 4, Wabinga 4, Ramos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-19, 46-39, 65-64, 93-92.

Three players are still fighting for the two remaining semis seats in Pool B. Luis Camacho has a 3-1 record, while Dick Koo and Rick Brien have simi-

In the men's A doubles, only two semis tickets were collected with the pairs Guintu and Narlou Achas (3-0) and Galvez and Espana taking them after placing in the Top 2 in Pool B. Hapi Gabriel and

Oh Inbog, and Arago and John Revilla are battling for Pool A

In the women's doubles, the C division had its Final Four completed with Wendy Fernandez and Cris Obaldo taking on Kim Boranah and Lee Eun Yee and Alma Ortega and Chie Guevarra squaring off against Elna Curate and Rose Lazaro.

coached team bowed to Guahan, 41-71, in the morning match before finally breaking into the win column with a 30-point victory over Belau in the afternoon game. Ethan Manalili and Chris Mizer teamed up in the

CNMI's rout of Belau with the former sizzling for 23 points and the latter tallying 13. Manalili was also the top-scorer in the Commonwealth's loss to Guahan, firing 12 points. Christopher Cepeda, Jacob Palacios, and Jaymie Canarez chipped in six apiece.

The CNMI boys team was done with its elimination round games and waited for the results of the remaining matches yesterday. Belau (0-3) was scheduled to duel Palau and sister teams Guahan and Guam were also set to collide in the final day of the elimination round. A Palau win will automatically give the CNMI the No. 4 spot in the playoffs. A Belau victory will tie the host's second team with the CNMI for the last semis ticket. Guam (3-0), Palau (2-1), and Guahan (2-1) are already assured of semis slots.

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the semis.

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cluded in the total catch weight; there is no limit to the number of fish in the total-catch weight as long as they ruled acceptable to the standard.

Sharks, rays, red snappers, puffer fish, and aquarium fish will not be allowed in the total catch weight.

The team with the heaviest

total-catch weight wins.

Bantalan Boyz's Morito Asai and teammates Felix and Greg Sassamoto topped last year's field of 25 with a total-catch weight of 34.8 lbs.

Mar-Pac, Budweiser, Risse International, Docomo Pacific, Cressi Sub, and Aquasmith are sponsoring the event.

Contact Morito Asai at 233-5055 or Richard Seman 285-6014 for registration or for more information.

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4-0 record to gain the first semis spot in Pool A, while Diola took the second one with his 3-1 card. Gary Bandoja ruled Pool B with his undefeated 4-0 mark and will face Diola in the crossover semis tomorrow. Gargallo will meet either Noli Santos (2-2) or Jerry Balarao in the semis.

In the men's B2 singles, the semis pairings are Chris Hilario against Vic Reyes and Rod-

wealth Espana over Ezekiel Macario. Hilario placed first in Pool A with his 4-0 record, while Reyes came in at second in Pool B with his 3-1 mark. Macario reigned supreme in Pool B with a clean 4-0 slate, while Espana ended up with a 3-1 record in Pool A. The men's B2 singles semis games are also set for tonight.

In the men's C singles, only two are assured of semis berths. Jerome Malasarte and Mahesh Balakrishnan claimed the first two semis spots after a 1-2 finish in Pool A. Malasarte had a

perfect 4-0 record, while Balakrishnan wrapped up the pool play with a 3-1 mark.

lar 2-1 slates.

Macario, Gary Bandoja and

semis berths.

In the men's doubles C, making it to the semis were Charlie Borja and Carlo Conwi and Eydie Uy and Brien, while the men's B doubles have yet to determine its semifinalists.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Philadelphia Atlanta 42 33 .560 4 1/2 36 37 .493 9 1/2 Washington New York 35 38 .479 10 1/2 Florida 33 41 .446 13

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Yesterday's Games Pittsburgh 9, Baltimore 3

Colorado 4, Cleveland 3 Washington 6, Seattle 5 Florida 5, L.A. Angels 2 Oakland 7, N.Y. Mets 3 San Diego 5, Boston 4 Atlanta 5, Toronto 1 N.Y. Yankees at Cincinnati, ppd., rain Texas 5, Houston 4, 11 innings Arizona 7, Kansas City 2 Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 2 Milwaukee 5, Tampa Bay 1 L.A. Dodgers 6, Detroit 1 Minnesota 9, San Francisco 2

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Race organizer Wolf Mojica briefs runners before the race



Two runners battle in a neck-and-neck race to the finish.



Tom Linden slows down as he nears the finish line



Rene Calage looks back at runners behind him.



Mamiko Oshima-Berger is a few steps away from completing the 4.2-mile race from DFS to hte World War II tank in Quartermaster Road and back.



Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel nears the finish line.



Frontrunners head to Beach Road during the 18th Annual Tom Picarro "Silver Streak" Memorial Fun Run last Saturday.



Runners cross the street for the start of the race.



KSPN 2 news director Bob Coldeen tries to catch up with the rest of the runners after staying back to take footages at the starting line.



Husband and wife, Richard and Carol Lynn Pierce, walk hand in hand to the finish line.

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CNMI basketball teams recover



Members of the CNMI girls U15 team pose for a group photo at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last week before leaving for Palau for the 2011

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

REPORTER

Micronesian Basketball Tournament.

fter sorry loses in the opening day of the 2011 U15 Micronesian Basketball Tournament, CNMI players redeemed themselves in Day 2 of the youth competition at the Palau National Gymnasium last Tuesday.



h CNMI girls team, which dropped its debut against

Guam last Monday, 36-86, recovered in Day 2 with an impressive 46-39 victory over Palau—the host's first team.

The Commonwealth's cagebelles had a neck-and-neck battle against Palau from start

to finish. In the first quarter, the game was tied at 10-all and then at halftime, Palau only had a slim lead, 19-18.

> Tables turned in the second half with the CNMI leading by the end of the third frame, 32-29, and the visitors kept the driver's seat and the win behind the clutch baskets of Jeraldine

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rmatech, Soul Jazz pull off upsets

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND walter_sutherland@saipantribune.com



After sneaking into the playoffs, Armatech and Soul Jazz are now just a

win away from the finals after each pulling off a pair of big upsets in Tuesday's playoff round of the 2011 Miller Lite Friendly Invitational Basketball League at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Armatech exacted the first loss of the season for top-seeded Cargo Express-Sea Bridge in a back-and-forth opening match, 83-81; while Soul Jazz stunned Saipan World Resort early and held on to take the late game, 93-92.

Armatech's Ivan De Vero (8) slips through a Cargo Express-Sea Bridge double team during their 2011 Miller Lite caging playoff game Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND



Armatech will challenge Soul Jazz tonight at 6pm with the winner receiving an automatic berth into the finals. Cargo Express and World Resort will then square off in the 8pm must-win late match to stay alive.

In the first match, Lerio Pagarao led Cargo Express with 12 points in the first quarter as his team managed a slim 21-20 edge.

Cargo Express stretched its lead to 44-38 at the half. Pagarao sunk a pair of threes and four other teammates provided support in the second quarter. Ivan De Vero led Armatech with 16 points in the opening half.

Pagarao added eight markers after the break, but Armatech pulled within two-possessions, 60-64, heading into the last quarter. Five of its players chipped in on the action in the third period.

Armatech's Martin Moreno See ARMATECH on Page 26

Men's singles A semis cast complete

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



cast in the men's singles A division of the 2011 IT&E Singles/Doubles Badminton Tournament was completed over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

Making the list are Dick Guintu, Ferdie Arago, Andrew Galvez, and Mario Diola. Guintu topped the field with an unbeaten 4-0 record and will challenge Diola for the first finals seat tonight. Arago and Galvez will also duel for the other finals ticket tonight.

Besides the four men's A singles semifinalists, nine other players advanced to the playoff round.

In the men's B1 singles, Saul Gargallo finished with a See MEN'S on Page 26



Mario Diola serves to Joseph Santos during their game in the men's B1 singles division of the IT&E badminton tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.

2011 MASC Spearfishing Tournament this Saturday

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND walter sutherland@saipantribune.com

The Marianas Apnea Spearfishing Club is hosting its 5th Annual Spearfishing Tournament this Saturday, June 25,

at the Smiling Cove Marina. Competitors must register with officials

by the 6am start time and

the event takes place until 3pm, followed by a 4:30pm awards presentation at Smiling Cove Marina.

Entrance fee per person is \$50 and teams are limited to three fishermen per boat.

Cash prizes and fishing

equipment will be awarded to the Top 5 place finishers. The cash prize amount will depend on the turnout. Some of the equipment prizes include flippers, masks, brush guards, a diving knife, and more.

In addition, an individual prize package will be presented to the

fisherman who brings in the

heaviest fish.

About 30 participants are expected for this year's event, including fishermen from Guam and Tinian.

Fish must be whole and weigh at least 1 lb. to be in-

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A spearfishing enthusiast goes back up to the surface after a dive in this contributed photo. Marianas Apnea Spearfishing Club will hold its 5th Annual Spearfishing Tournament this Saturday at the Smiling